THE WEATHER.

Fair, continued colder Thursday; Friday not so cold; moderate northwest winds.

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THE HOLIDAYS

Are you getting your share of the holiday business? Have you a right to expect your share a little later on? Your invitation to the buying public, will look well in these columns.

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THE DIAZ TROOPS TO CRUSH REVOLT

Government Soldiers Plan to Trap Rebels in Mountains of Mexico.

MAY BE END OF THE TROUBLE

Troops Hurrying to Zone of Insurrecto Activity—Madero Reported in Mexican Territoy—An Attack Soon.

Mexico City, Dec. 20.—The tenth battalion of infantry, a battery of six light artillery, mountain guns; and one rapid fire gun, left here today in two special trains for the zone of insurrecto activity in Chiahuahua. Another train carrying two regiments of infantry is said to have left Guadalajara last night for the same destination.

The force from this city is in command of General Sanchez Rivera and Col. Rafael Lis, and is said to be intended to reinforce Col. Guzman at Pedernales.

According to official information the government forces are preparing to deliver a crushing blow to the revolutionists. The situation is said to be as follows:

On one side of the valley of Malpaso (bad pass) is the force of General Navarro, numbering 1,000 men. Col. Guzman is on the other side with a force of 340 troops. He received orders to wait for reinforcements.

Troops are being hurried to the front to raise the force of Col. Guzman to 1,000 men and then the attack will be made from two sides.

In high official circles, it is believed that the rebels are now trapped beyond hope of escape.

Francisco I. Madero, the head of the insurrectionary movement, is again reported to be in Mexican territory, according to a story which appeared in El Heraldo Mexicano, this afternoon. The report is based upon a letter received from Chiahuahua by responsible persons in this city. Madero is said to have slipped across the border recently and to be now in Ojinaga at the head of the rebels, who were formerly under the command of Anraham Gonzales.

Troop Train Shot to Pieces.

Chiahuahua, Mexico, Dec. 20.—Forty-two wounded government soldiers were brought in today thus confirming reports that the troop train which left here Saturday was shot to pieces in the mountain trap known as Malpaso, a few miles east of Padernales, and about 120 miles west of here. The official report states that the Federals lost 21 killed and ten missing and 42 wounded. The latter includes Col. Guzman, who was in command of the expedition. The insurrectos loss is not known here.

The train left here Saturday, traveling in two sections, carrying three field pieces on a coal car and 500 soldiers. Pancho Villa, the bandit who, while operating independently, still regards the government as his enemy, fired on the second section as it was passing through Andania Canon, but did no damage.

The mountains of Malpaso, however, swarmed with revolutionists. They halted the first and second sections. Col. Guzman disembarked his troops and for five hours defended himself from the desperate charge. He was in a trap, however. His enemy was on the heights, sheltered by boulders and other protection north to the mountains and poured in a deadly fire. He was unable to use his big guns effectively owing to the nature of the ground. Notwithstanding his precarious condition and the numbers of the insurrectos he held his ground for five hours. He was shot through the leg while the third officer in command was raked across the stomach.

Worn out with the one-sided battle Col. Guzman loaded his dead and wounded together with the remainder of his force on to the troop train and ran back to Bustillos. Here the uninjured disembarked and buried their dead.

A freight train sent out from here Sunday to load cattle at Bustollos was countermanded and the wounded transferred to it. This train arrived early today and the injured were taken to the hospital El Corrosponsal.

SOUTHERN RAILROAD WINS.

South Carolina Loses in Merger Suit—Details.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 20. — After a trial lasting more than three weeks, a jury in the County Court today returned a verdict in favor of the Southern Railway in the suit in which the State of South Carolina sought to dissolve the merger of the Southern and several State roads, the Asheville & Spartanburg railroad, the South Carolina & Georgia, the South Carolina & Georgia extension and the Carolina Midland.

In his charge, Judge Shipp held that competition as used in the constitutional prohibition of a merger of competing or parallel lines, applied to lines that compete substantially and legally. Competition on business handled by connections with other lines at junction points or on short stretches of parallel lines, the court held, could not be considered within the prohibitive clause. The State is expected to take an appeal.

Austrian Baroness Now Ranks Wives of Diplomats

BARONESS HENGELMULLER

WOMAN KIDNAPPER IS GUILTY

Black Hand Dealt Another Blow in Brooklyn, N. Y.—Will Go to Prison for at Least Five Years—Quick Verdict.

New York, Dec. 20. — Justice dealt the Black Hand a quick body blow in Brooklyn today, with the conviction in less than six hours of a woman kidnapper. She is Maria Rappa, a frail, weazened Italian woman of not more than 30 years.

A jury in the Kings County Court after only ten minutes deliberation found her guilty of abetting the kidnapping of little Michael Rizzo and Guiseppe Longo. The penalty is not less than five years and not more than fifty years in State's prison. Sentence will be pased next Tuesday.

The woman sat stolidly through the proceedings and flatly denied any complicity in the case. It was in her apartments, however, that the Longo boy was found.

Judge Fawcette expressed gratification over the verdict and pronounced it the "severest blow to the Black Hand" since he has been on the bench.

Stanislaus Pittenza, indicted with the woman, will be placed on trial tomorrow. Eight other prisoners, all arrested in connection with the case, are then to be tried.

William Beall, a young clerk, arrested through a trap set by the late Joseph Petrosino, the New York detective assassinated in Italy, was found guilty today on an indictment charging him with ending a threatening letter through the mail to Dr Marker G. Dadirrian of this city. The missive signed "Black Hand," set forth that inasmuch as Dr. Dadirrian had paid no attention to demands for money, "your money cannot save you now. You must die."

The punishment provided is a year's imprisonment, a fine of $500 or both.

SUPREME COURT OPINIONS.

Twenty Appeals Disposed of Yesterday—Christmas Recess.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20.—The Supreme Court delivered opinions in 20 appeals this evening and it is expected that final delivery will be made Friday and adjournment for the term taken. Opinions just delivered follow: Jones and Taylor vs. Balsey, Guilford, new trial; Lane vs. North Carolina Railroad, Davidson, new trial; Turner vs. Southern Power Company, et al., Mecklenburg, no error; Council vs. Railey, Catawba, reversed; Witherell vs. Murphy and Moon, Yancey, affirmed; McDonald vs. McArthur, McDowell, defendants appear, no error; Carswell vs. Western Union Telegraph Company, McDowell, no error; Gillian vs. Edmondson, Burke, no error; Crawford vs. Town of Marion, McDowell, affirmed; Marlowe vs. Bland, Rutherford, affirmed; Bailey vs. Meadows Co., McDowell, petition to re-hear sustained as to Meadows & Co., dismissed as to defendant railroad company; State vs. Simmons, Buncombe, no error; Brevard Land and Lumber Co., vs. Kinsland, Transylvania, new trial; Beal vs. Champion Fibre Co., Buncombe, no error; Wilson vs. Wills, Buncombe, affirmed; Weaver vs. Cotton Mills Co., Buncombe, affirmed; Luther and Webb vs. Southern Railroad Co., Buncombe, reversed; State vs. Malloney, Jackson, no error; Rogers vs. Gennett Lumber Co., Macon, no error; Kelly vs. Trimont Lodge of Odd Fellows, Macon, no erro.

THE PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

Comprehensive Review in Annual Report of Dr. Elmer Brown—Colleges Should Agree on Admission Requirements.

Washington, December 20. — A comprehensive review of the progress made in American education during the past year is contained in the first volume of the annual report of Dr. Elmer Ellsworth Brown, Commissioner of Education of the United States made public today.

There are many activities closely related to education which have received a large measure of attention in recent months, according to Commissioner Brown. Libraries and museums, apprenticeships, public playgrounds, home and school associations — such interests as these are sometimes treated as lying just outside of the educational enclosure.

"There is," he says, "an unmistakable tendency to widen the enclosure and to bring these things into some relation with the regular scholastic administration.

"There are, moreover, numerous undertakings which look to an extension of educational opportunities to those who have left school and have passed the age of compulsory schooling. Evening and other 'continuation' schools, public lectures, correspondence courses, home studies of the chatauqua type, are all familiar examples.

"Some of these things," he says, "are distinctively American and have helped to make a reputation for American educational enterprise abroad.

"The extension of the area of compulsory school attendance has gone forward," says Commissioner Brown, "but the number of young Americans who are allowed to grow up with only meagre schooling is still distressingly large."

Taking up the subject of higher education, Dr. Brown says that this work in the country is one "great natoinal undertaking, the prosecution of which is divided out among many institutions."

He declares that there should be an agreement among the colleges with respect to admission requirements which should go away with minor differences that harass the preparatory schools. This he argues would ma the educational situation of some of its most serious embarrassments.

WHAT TAFT TOLD THEM.

Does Not Seem to Satisfy the Morehead-Butlerites.

(Raleigh News and Observer.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Just what happened at the White House yesterday when Congressman Morehead and his flying squadron dropped in to see the President, was a subject of much discussion at the National capital today. Little by little the inside of what happened is coming to the surface. It is known that the Tar Heel visitors are not very much pleased with what the President had to say to them. His conversation was not of a very reassuring character. Mr. Morehead and his friends let it be known that they wanted the State chairman to dish out the pie. They made known their opposition to Duncan as a participant in the distribution of the patronage. But the President was not disposed to make any air-tight promises, and this very fact was the occasion of no little gloom amongst some of the visitors to the White House.

ROCKEFELLER HAS COMPLETED TASK

Gives the Final $10,000,000 In the Founding of University of Chicago

LEAVES IT TO OTHER DONORS

Withdraws Further Representation in Its Control—Has Given Approximately $35,000,000 to the Institution.

Chicago, December 2.—John D. Rockefeller has completed the task he set for himself in the founding of the University of Chicago. Today public announcement was made of a "single and final" gift of $10,000,000, which includes all the contributions that Mr. Rockefeller had planned to make to the University.

This sum, which is to be paid in ten annual installments, beginning January 1st, will make a total of approximately $35,000,000 that Mr. Rockefeller has donated to the University.

Mr. Rockefeller says he now believes the school should be supported and enlarged by the gifts of many rather than those of a single donor. This, he believes, will be better accomplished if the public understands the limit of his contemplated assistance. The founding of new departments he leaves to the trustees as he says funds may be furnished by other friends of the University.

Up to the present time, the sum of nearly $7,000,000 has been donated the University in addition to Mr. Rockefeller's gifts.

With the announcement of Mr. Rockefeller's final donation came the resignation of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Fred T. Gates, Mr. Rockefeller's personal representatives from the University board of trustees.

In enclosing these resignations, Mr. Rockefeller explained that he was only carrying out a conviction that the institution should be "controlled, conducted and supported by the people," with whom up to this date he had been simply co-operating.

Mr. Rockefeller's ideas, it is understood, is that he is turning over the institution and its endowment to Chicago and the West, and in so doing withdraws from any further representation in its control.

The official announcement of the benefaction was made at the quarterly convocation at the University this afternoon. President Martin A. Ryerson, of the board of trustees, read a letter from Mr. Rockefeller in New York, which bore date of December 13th and was addressed to the president and trustees of the Univerity of Chicago.

FATAL FOR THREE.

Men Injured in Explosion in Sampson County—Death.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Clinton, N. C., Dec. 20.—Samuel Faircloth, Cleveland Williams and Daniel Bass, three of the men injured in the boiler explosion near Orange, Sampson county, last week, have died of their injuries.

Henry Tew, who was lingering between life and death, is improving and his recovery is hoped for.

Dallas Herring, a prominent citizen, died at his home south of here today after a prolonged illness. He was about 50 years old and leaves a family.

A HURRICANE RAGING.

Worst in New Foundland in Years—Shipping Disasters.

St. Johns, B. F., Dec. 20.—New Foundland is in the grip of a hurricane declared to be the worst that has been known here for many years. The storm has been raging for 48 hours and shows no signs of cessation. Fear is expressed that many shipping disasters will be recorded before the storm blows itself out.

OUTLINES.

A wealthy Granville county farmer, his daughter and grandchild were brutally murdered at Hester Monday night and the home set fire in an attempt to conceal the crime. A negro believed to be guilty, has been arrested.——John D. Rockefeller has completed his task in the founding of the University of Chicago in making his final gift of $10,000,000 to the institution yesterday.——The government soldiers in Mexico have been sent to the zone of the insurrecto activity and have planned to crush the revolt——A woman was yesterday convicted of kidnapping in Brooklyn and will be sentenced to a term in prison. This is considered a crushing blow to the blackhand.——A comprehensive review of the progress in American education is contained in the annual report of Dr. Elmer Ellsworth Brown.——New York markets: Money on call steady 3 1-4 to 3 1-2, ruling rate 3 1-4, closing bid and offered at 3 1-4. Spot cotton closed quiet, 10 points lower, middling uplands 15.15; middling gulf 15.40. Flour was fairly active with prices about steady. Wheat firm, No. 2, 98 3-8 elevator and 97 7-8 f.o.b. afloat. Corn barely steady. No. 2 new 52 3-4 f.o.b. afloat. Oats steady, futures closed 1-4 cents decline to 1-4c advance. Turpentine firm.

GUNBOAT HORNET CLOSELY WATCHED

Feared She May be Preparing to Aid in Revolution at Honduras.

CUSTOM OFFICERS ON BOARD

Consul Requests State Department to Prevent Steamer From Sailing—Still in the Mississippi River at Midnight.

New Orleans, December 20. — The United States revenue cutter Davy today anchored alongside the steamer Hornet and special customs inspectors were placed on shore opposite the Hornet's anchorage with instructions to report promptly any activities observed in connection with her preparations for sailing. A special agent of the Honduran government was also keeping watch on the alleged revolutionary craft.

At midnight the Hornet still lays in the Mississippi river. It is not known waen she will sail.

Washington, December 20. — The Honduran minister today protested to the State Department against permitting the departure of the steamer Hornet from New Orleans on the ground that the vessel contemplates leading a revolutionary expedition against President Davila. The complaint was based upon advices received from the Honduran consul at New Orleans, who reported that he was convinced that the Hornet would be used in a filibustering expedition against the government. The minister in the light of this information laid the matter before the State Department officials for such action as this government deemed proper to prevent the alleged utilization of a port of the United States as a base of war operation.

The State Department officials feel that all of the usual precautions have been adopted to prevent the embarkation on the Hornet of a hostile expedition directed against the government. Acting through the Department of Justice and the treasury, the State Department as nad a close surveillance maintained over the Hornet.

It is realized that the Hornet might meet another vessel at sea and embark men and arms. Or they might be taken aboard at some little frequented Central American port, as was done in the case of the Venus which was purchased by the Madriz faction in Nicaragua to operate against Estrada.

To prevent a repetition of that affair orders have been sent to the commander of the United States ship Tacoma, now at Puerto Cortez, to endeavor to prevent the landing on the Honduran coast of any expedition that appears to have originated in the United States.

Meanwhile, there have been some internal troubles in Honduras to distress President Davilla, according to a telegraphic report to the State Department from United States Minister McCreay, dated yesterday at Tegucigalpa.

The minister says that last Friday Colonel Albarado, of the Honduriar army, led an uprising against the government at a place called Aliana, on the Salvadorean frontier. The government troops dispersed the band several of whom crossed the frontier into Salvador, including the leader Colonel Albarado. The President of Salvador, upon the request of President Davilla, has ordered Salvadorean troops to guard the frontier. Mr. McCreary concludes that it is not yet absolutely clear whether the attempted uprising was to be ultimately directed against Honduras or Salvador.

BIG FIRE AT THOMASVILLE.

Cramer Furniture Plant Destroyed Entailing Loss of $200,000.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 20. — Fire of unknown origin at Thomasville tonight destroyed the main plant of the Cramer Furniture Company, together with storage, finishing and shipping rooms, dry kilns and two hundred thousand feet of lumber, entailing a loss conservatively estimated at $200,000.

The fire was discovered shortly after the plant closed down for the day, but owing to a high wind and inadequate fire fighting equipment, the flames spread rapidly and it required four hours fighting of volunteer bucket brigades to save adjacent property.

The plant destroyed manufactured chairs and tables and was owned by Stuart W. Cramer, of Charlotte; T. J. Cramer and John Myers, of Thomasville, and the Whiting Company, of Winton, Mass. The company employed 500 men and fully 300 of the number will be thrown out of employment for several months. The plant was insured for a little more than one-third the total loss.

DR. COOK COMING HOME.

Will Arrive on Steamship Geo. Washington Next Thursday.

New York, Dec. 20.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the traveler of Brooklyn, will return here on the steamship George Washington, which is due to arrive Thursday evening. Dr. Cook has not been in the city since his disappearance shortly after the submission of his polar records to the University of Copenhagen over a year ago.

TO WED MISS GOULD.

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould will soon announce the engagement of their daughter, Vivien, to Lord Decies, of London.

MRS. TURNBULL STAR WITNESS

Met Attacks of Cross-Examiners and Gamely Fought Back—Seeking $2,500,000 as Daughter's Share of Estate.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 20.—More letters came from the past today to confront Mrs. Lillian Ashley Turnbull, star witness in the "Lucky" Baldwin will case, but the woman who is fighting for $2,500,000 as her daughter's share of the late turfman's estate, not only met the attacks of the cross examiner, but fought back.

The questions hurled at her made the women in the court room blush.

"Yes, I said these letters were forgeries," she said defiantly, referring to letters concerning her acquaintanceship with Col. Albert Pope, millionaire Boston manufacturer. "I said they were forgeries, emphatically so if you ask me why so, ask Mr. James R. Wood, who forged so many others."

James R. Wood is the Boston detective who, according to the testimony, arranged a settlement between Pope and Mrs. Turnbull in 1894, when Pope is said to have purchased for her a house in Pasadena.

Wood was in court and when Mrs. Turnbull expressed doubt as to the authenticity of one of the letters said to have been written by her, Gavin McNab, the cross examiner, said he would refresh her memory by giving her a glimpse of Wood.

"Stand up Mr. Wood," he said.

Wood arose. He is an elderly man with a white moustache.

"Yes, that is James R. Wood," quickly responded Mrs. Turnbull, "and I wish to say that Mr. Wood is the wickedest man I ever knew."

McNab, in cross examination endeavored to show the jury that Mrs. Turnbull had not been an unsophisticated woman until she met "Lucky" Baldwin as she alleges. In this connection he introduced a letter which she admitted she had written to Lewis Leach, president of the Farmers' Bank, of Fresno, Cal., some time in 1889.

Attorneys for the estate said later that they had scored a tacital advantave by Mrs. Turnbull's admission of this letter.

In one of these alleged forgeries occurred a passage describing an oath Mrs. Turnbull took regarding the paternity of Miss Beatrice Anita Turnbull, the plaintiff. At written, it read:

"May God smite me into a thousand atoms if Col. Albert Pope is not the father of my child."

"That is a forged interpretation," promptly interrupted Mrs. Turnbull. I did make such an oath on my knees in the office of James R. Wood. But I said then 'May God smite me in a thousand atoms if E. J. Baldwin is not the father of my child, and if he was not married to me by contract prior to my entering marriage elations with him."

"Why is it, Mrs. Turnbull," queried Attorney McNab, "that your memory is so clear on things that favor you, and so bad as to things that do not favor you?"

"Shame has burned some things on my memory, Mr. McNab. Then, too, there are things a woman never forgets," Mrs. Turnbull replied.

KNAPP IS CONFIRMED.

Will be Chief Justice of New Court of Commerce.

Wasington, Dec. 20.—Martin A. Knapp was confirmed today by the Senate to be an additional Circuit Court judge for the United States for the second judicial circuit. Automatically he ceased to be chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission and now is ready to ascend the bench of the Court of Commerce as chief justice of that tribunal once it is organized. The names of the four other members of the proposed court now are in the hands of a sub-committee of the committee on the judiciary and will be reported out shortly.

In order to fill the vacancies on the Interstate Commerce Commission the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce held a special meeting today and decided to report favorably on the names of the C. C. McChord, of Kentucky, and B. H. Meyer, of Wisconsin, to be members of the commission. Their names will be reported to the Senate tomorrow and it is expected they will be promptly confirmed.

REVOLTING CRIME STIRS GRANVILLE

Wealthy Farmer, Daughter and Grand Child Alleged Victims of Negro.

LYNCHING NARROWLY AVERTED

Set Home Afire in Effort to Conceal the Crime—Assaulted Young Woman Before the Murders. All Three Killed.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 20.—The charred bones of J. L. Sanders, his 22-year-old daughter, Mary, and his four-year-old granddaughter, Irene Overton, in the ruins of their home at Hester, in Granville county, near here gave stratling evidence today of one of the most atrocious crimes ever committed in this section.

Nathan Montague, a young negro, accused today by a coroner's jury of assault, murder and arson, is believed to have killed Mr. Sanders and his little granddaughter and then to have attacked and finally cut the throat of Miss Mary Sanders, leaving all three bodies in a pool of blood in the house to which he is thought to have set fire.

The negro is safe tonight in the State penitentiary at Raleigh, but angry mobs are reported to be gathering to seek vengeance. Sheriff Wheeler foiled an irate crowd at Hester last night in rushing his prisoner to Durham. Sheriff Harwood, at Durham, not wishing to take any chances with the people who were reported to be coming here in a special train after Montague, hustled the negro to Raleigh in an automobile. It is charged that the negro, who had been at a hog-killing in the afternoon, which Miss Mary Sanders also attended, went to her home at night, killed Sanders and his little granddaughter by means, not yet determined, attacked Miss Sanders and afterwards cut her throat in a struggle in the yard. He is then believed to have set fire to the house and burned the bodies. The charred remains were found early today.

The finding of Miss Sanders' skirt covered with blood in the negro's possession and a knife at the scene of the tragedy which was identified as the one used by Montague at the hog-killing, forms the chief evidence against Montague.

Near the ruins of the Sanders' house a path of blood leading to a nearby well indicates that an attempt was made to cast the girl into the well. Strands of auburn hair were found on the well posts and near the house, giving evidence of the stubborn, but vain struggle for life which the girl made.

The discovery of a partly loaded pistol near the well at the Sanders home and the fact that neighbors declare they heard pistol shots just before they saw the flames last night, are believed to indicate that Mr. Sanders and his little granddaughter were shot and killed before the attack on Miss Sanders, though the burning of the bodies swept away any clue to the exact way in which they met death.

The negro denied his guilt tonight, but the blood on his person and the fact that he was to have reported at the Sanders home last night for some work, is said to furnish strong evidence against him.

Another Story of Crime.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20.—Last night between 8 and 9 o'clock, in Granville county, near Hester, there was found in the ashes of a burned house the charred bones of three people, later identified as J. L. Sanders, a farmer, his 20-year-old daughter Mattie, and his four-year-old granddaughter, Irene Overton.

A blood bespattered well house with a knife beside it gave the clue and this morning Nathan Montague, a young negro of the neighborhood, was arested. In his house the bloody skirt of the girl and other parts of her clothing were found, with blood and hair on the negro's cloths. He was arrested by the sheriff of Durham county, taken first to Durham and then brought to the State's prison in Raleigh for safe keeping.

The negro had been working at a hog killing in the afternoon at which the young girl also attended. The evidence is that he went to her father's house at night, killed the father and little child by means unknown, then assaulted the girl and after outraging her cut her throat in a struggle in the yard. His next step was to get fire to the house to conceal his crime. The girl's mother was in Oxford and this probably saved her life.

Evaded the Mob.

Just before the fire, neighbors heard three shots and a pistol was found near the well house. Sheriff Wheeler had learned of a mob gathering and by a misleading route got away from it. A report of a mob forming to go to Durham caused the negro to be brought to Raleigh. He denies his guilt, but the condition of his underclothing gives undoubted evidence against him.

New York, Dec. 20.—Frank B. Hayne, head of the cotton firm of Hayne & Brown, of New Orleans, who was re-indicted this month by the Federal grand jury here in connection with the alleged cotton pool conspiracy, appeared today before United States Commissioner Shields and furnished $5,000 bail for his appearance for trial.

THE MILKY WAY.

A Hundred Million Stars Gleam In That Silvery Scarf.

The census of the starry sky is concerned almost entirely with the Milky way. The number of stars not connected with it is negligible. But when you look at the Milky way the idea of numbering its stars seems the dream of a madman. It stretches all round the sky. Its extent is so unthinkably immense that science has never undertaken to measure it, and the imagination could not grasp the figures that such a measurement, if it was possible to make it, would involve.

Yet that whole enormous expanse of space occupied by the Milky way is so crowded with stars that they make upon the eye the impression of a silvery scarf wound round the brow of the universe.

It requires a telescope to see them as a broad zone of glittering points instead of an almost uniform band of whiteness in the firmament.

In some places they are more thinly scattered, so that, as you gaze through the glass, you almost think that, with infinite patience, you might count the number included in a space as large as the face of the moon.

But in other places they seem to be packed together like the sands of the seashore. They stretch away over thousands of square degrees of space, hanging in great festoons, spreading out in vast banners, where billions upon billions of cubic miles seem to be filled with stars thicker than the flakes in a driving snowstorm!

There are begemmed knots in that starry scarf so rich that the eye is dazzled and the mind confused by the spectacle which they present.

Yet science, although it shrinks from trying to estimate the space which they occupy, has succeeded in forming a fairly correct enumeration of the stars of the Milky way.

The most extravagant estimates do not put the number at more than 300,000,000, and the most trustworthy and probable make them a third less.

A hundred million stars, then, is the total population of the glittering universe, and when we see what a marvelous effect of innumerableness they produce we begin to appreciate what a hundred millions mean.—Garrett P. Serviss in New York American.

MAN'S THREE DUTIES.

A Good Husband, a Good Father and a Good Neighbor.

I have made a code for my own guidance which may interest you. I hold that a man's first duty is to be a good husband, which implies, of course, that he ought to marry and then make his wife believe, if he can, that she has been the most fortunate of women.

It isn't easy—but, my, how it pays!

He must be lover, husband, son and even father by turns and occasionally just nobody—he must get clear off the earth. But when he comes back—

A man's second duty is to be a good father, which implies, of course, that he ought to have children—adopted, if necessary. He ought to be to them the standard by which all other men are measured and found wanting, because he is their daddy and they love him.

A man's third duty is to be a good neighbor, to carry his share, no matter how small or how great it may be, of the community's worthy enterprises, to share the sorrows and the joys of those around him, to make his home a real asset to his community.

After a man has done these three things, if he has time and means and strength, he can and should think in wider circles. But the man who does these three well is doing more than if he contributed millions and neglected these three. The man who neglects his wife or his children or his neighbors, no matter what other apparently great things he may have done, will hear Gabriel's trumpet very faintly if at all on the morning of the great day —Erman J. Ridgway in Delineator.

When the Mule Kicks.

"No man unless he is blind should ever be kicked by a mule. There is no excuse for it. If kicked he is as much to blame as the mule," said a mule raiser. "A mule never kicks without first wagging his ears and switching his tail," said the breeder "All you have to do is to keep your eyes on his ears and tail. And when he begins to wag his ears or switch his tail then it is time to dodge. And if you dodge quickly you will never be touched."—Kansas City Journal.

Modus Vivendi

The term modus vivendi is a mutual arrangement whereby persons not at the time being on friendly terms can be induced to live together in harmony. The term may be applied to individuals, to societies or to peoples. It signifies a mode of living.

No package too big to carry the Christmas seal, and none too small to be without one.

Foley Kidney Pills

What They Will Do for You

They will cure your backache, strengthen your kidneys, correct urinary irregularities, build up the worn out tissues, and eliminate the excess uric acid that causes rheumatism. Prevent Bright's Disease and Diabetes, and restore health and strength. Refuse substitutes.

ROBERT R. BELLAMY.

GOING AFTER ALDRICH.

New York's First Solid Delegation to Congress—Campaign.

New York, Dec. 19.—The first solid congressional delegation which New York will send to the House of Representatives in many years on March 4th ,next, is burnishing its armor for the most belligerent campaign upon which the Democratic host of Gotham has ever embarked in the National Capitol.

Led by Henry George, Jr., regarded by the Democracy of New York as one of the country's greatest political economists, the delegation is to champion the American bread basket.

It is going after the scalp of United States Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, of Rhode Island, Chief Sponsor of the Payne-Aldrich tariff and all that he stood for and represented as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. In the furtherance of that policy it is to single out for assault the principal measures fostered by the Rhode Island solon in the alleged interests of the rubber trust and the other monopolies subserved by the tariff redrafted.

With the price of the necessaries of every day life from ten to thirty per cent. higher here than anywhere else, New York has felt the pinch of the increased cost of living more than any other American city. For this it holds Aldrich largely responsible. Hence the disposition to concentrate fire on him and all his works.

In spite of his frequently emphasized denials before election, recent revelations have established the fact that Senator Aldrich holds more than $3,000,000 worth of the stock in the Incontinental Rubber Company, the $40,000,000 rubber trust. The jugglery of the schedule on manufactured rubber imposed a heavy tax on the nipple of the poor baby's milk bottle as well as on the tires of the rich man's automobile. Poor babies are more numerous in New York than elsewhere, so that the tribute extorted from them for the benefit of the trust, has added a burden, individually small though it may be, to a class that can least afford it. Unmanufactured plantation rubber, of the best grades commanding here $1.50 a pound can be collected and delivered in New York from the East Indies or from British Guiana, which is now coming into the market at a cost of 25 cents a pound and wild rubber from Brazil for 75 cents, showing a profit anywhere from 100 to 500 per cent. In adjusting the Payne-Aldrich tariff schedule so that those who are interested in its use for manufacturing purposes may exact still further profits, Aldrich and his associates, in the opinion of New York's congressional delegation displayed an inordinate sense of greed, which is deserving of rebuke.

While nothing will be done to disturb the present free admission of unmanufactured rubber, for which there is a steadily increasinb market in other industries than those controlled by Aldrich's rubber trust, one of the first things to engage the attention of New York's delegation when it settles in Washington will be an effort to have revised the schedule relating to the importation of manufactured articles made of rubber, of which the trust now has practically a monopoly, because of the discrimination shown in the present tariff.

In carrying on its fight against Aldrich and the interests he has protected and promoted in his long legislative career, it is the determination of the New York delegation, to grant no concessions of the immunities to any industry he has been shown to have unduly favored at the expense of the people and the cost of living.

MET AT ALTAPASS.

Southern Railway Adopts "Back Home Movement."

Johnson City Tenn, Dec. 10.—The Industrial Department of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railway has received replies from the majority of the railroads in the South ,accepting its invitation to meet in conference on the "Back Home Movement" at Altapass, N. C., January 10. The plan of immigration sugested meets with the enthusiastic approval of the railroads generally. Quoting from letters received from G. A. Park, Industrial Agent, L. & N. Railway, he says: "We are very much interested and concerned in the immigration of our Southern people to other states. I have endeavored to persuade newspapers to cease carrying advertisements, and refuse to work with a real estate agent or Western Railroads who are drawing our people into other States. We are in the immigration usinessb and not onmigration. Industrial Agent K. T. Crawley, of the C. and O. Railway says: "I regard the movement as most important; and while the idea is very novel it is one in which all railroads should heartily co-operate." W. F. Stephens, General Coast and Piedmont Railway, says: "From my personal osebrvation while a resident of the West for a period of 14 years, I know that as the years go by the call of the old home is insistent upon many who have migrated from the South, and who have been successful in many parts of the West. They are the class of men who have had experience and they are the men who want "back home." E. F. Reid, General Freight and Passenger Agent of the C. & N. W. Railway, says: "This work appeals to me very much and I think you are on the right line and will be glad to co-operate with you to induce the return of our people who have gone West, as I believe w have everything to offer them in the way of inducements as against the Western section." "That the movement is one which has long eben needed and that the time is opportune and the need is insistent for Southern railroads to get together and counteract the wide spread advertising the South and East for population."

The prospects are now that all the important railroads in the South will allied in this work and ,that the long talekd of question of immigration for the South will, at last, be placed on a practical worinkg basis.

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NO. 119 IN ADMIRALTY.

In the District Court of the United States.

United States of America, Eastern District of North Carolina, Cape Fear Division —In the District Court at Wilmington, in Admiralty.

Joshua Moore, administrator of the estate of George Moore, a laborer of the City of Wilmington, libellant, against the British steamship "St. Jerome," tackle, furniture, sails, apparel, boats, engines, boilers, and machinery and other appurtenances.

In obedience to a warrant of seizure to me directed in the above entitled cause, I have seized and taken in my possession the steamship "St. Jerome," her tackle, furniture, sails, apparel, boats, engines, boilers and machinery and other appurtenances, now lying at the Wilmington Champion Compress, for the causes set forth in the libel pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina at Wilmington, I hereby give notice to all persons claiming the said steamer, her tackle, furniture, &c., or knowing or having anything to say why the same should not be condemned and sold, pursuant to the prayer of the said libel that they be and appear before the District Court to be held in and for the Eastern District of North Carolina on Wednesday the 21st day of December, A. D. 1910, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the same day, if the same shall be a day of jurisdiction otherwise, on the next day of jurisdiction therefor, then and there to interpose a claim for the same and make other allegations in that behalf.

CLAUDIUS DOCKERY,
United States Marshal, Eastern District of North Carolina.
By C. O. KNOX,
Deputy United States Marshal.
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage made by Chas. L. Dickinson and wife Lille W. Dickinson to Chadbourn Lumber Company, dated September 25, 1909, recorded in Book 58, at page 479 of the Records of New Hanover, the undersigned mortgagee will on the 11th day of January 1911, at the Court House door of New Hanover County, at 12 o'clock, noon, expose for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, situated in the City of Wilmington:

Beginning at a point in the western line of Second street 66 feet north of the northern line of Nun street, and runs thence along said line of Second street northwardly 66 feet, thence westwardly and parallel with Nun street 90 feetfi thence southwardly and parallel with Second street 66 feet, and thence eastwardly and parallel with Nun street 90 feet to the beginning, the same being the eastern end of Lot 5 in Block 113 ,according to the official plan of said City of Wilmington.

Dated this 10th December 1910.

CHADBOURN LUMBER COMPANY,
By Kellum & Loughlin, Attorneys.
de 11 30d.

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H. C. McQUEEN.....President
J. V. Grainger.....Vice President
J. W. Yates.....Vice President
Chas. S. Grainger.....Cashier

NOTICE OF LETTING OF CONTRACT.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Drainage Commissioners of Lyon Swamp Drainage and Levee District will receive proposals at the office of R. P. Keith, Chairman of said Board, in Wilmington, N. C., until the 29th day of December, 1910, for the construction of the following improvements for said District:

1. Excavating canal about 13 miles in length, estimated yardage 343,859 cu. yards.
2. Digging ditches on Worth and Voiers' farms, one ditch, 4x5, 2,220 cu. yards; one ditch, 4x4, 3,081 cu. yards.
3. Digging back swamp ditches 4x5, .. cu. yards, 4x4, 50 cu. yards; 3x3, 610 cu. yards.
4. Constructing dam, on the Cape Fear River, near Kelly's Cove, 35,937 cu. yards fillage.

Specifications in detail for the construction of said improvements, may be seen at the office of C. R. Humphreys Civil Engineer, Wilmington, N. C., or at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court or Pender County, Burgaw, N. C. The contract for the proposed work will be let as a whole or in sections as may be deemed most advantageous for the District.

Bids should state what amount of the Drainage bonds of said District, if any, would be accepted at their face value in payment for work by the Contractor making the bid. All proposals must be accompanied by a certified check, equal in amount to 10 per cent of the bid made.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

This the 29th day of November, 1910.

B. F. KEITH,
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FORECLOSURE SALE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage made by W. J. Reaves and wife to the Wilmington Homestead & Loan Association, registered in Book 55, page 147, the undersigned will sell, to the highest bidder, at public auction, for cash, on Tuesday the 3rd day of January, 1911, at twelve o'clock, M., at the front door of the Court House in the City of Wilmington, N. C., the following described lots situate in said City, bounded as follows:

First: A lot beginning in Western line of Second street, 97 feet south of Southern line of Church street; runs thence Westwardly parallel with Church Street 165 feet; thence Southwardly parallel with Second Street 35 feet; thence Eastwardly parallel with Church Street 165 feet to Second street; thence with the Western line of Second Street Northwardly 35 feet to the beginning.

Second: A lot beginning in the Western line of Second Street 169 feet South of the Southern line of Church Street; runs thence Westwardly parallel with Church Street 110 feet; thence Southwardly parallel with Second Street 29 feet; thence Eastwardly parallel with Church Street 110 feet to Western line of Second Street; thence Northwardly with said line 29 feet to the beginning.

Third: A lot beginning in the Western line of Second Street 211 feet South of Southern line of Church Street; runs thence Southwardly with said line of Second Street 33 feet; thence Westwardly parallel with Church Street 165 feet; thence Northwardly parallel with Second Street 33 feet; thence Eastwardly 165 feet to the beginning.

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By John D. Bellamy & Son.
Attorneys.
de 3-30 d.

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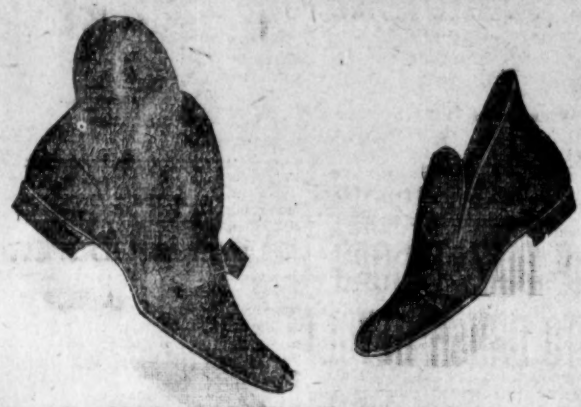

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CAROLINA FRUIT EXCHANGE

Address to Growers With Reference to Coming Season—An Appeal for Co-Operation—Something of the Operation.

Chadoburn, N. C., Dec. 15th ,1910.
To the Berry Growers of North and South Carolina:

In the month of March, 1910, feelin unless something could be done to help us out in the marketing of our berry crop last season, we would be forced out of business on account of low prices, we got in touch with Mr. I. L. M. Fleming, manager Fruit Growers Exchange, to suggest some plan whereby we could meet the situation. At a meeting held in in Chadbourn about two weeks before actual shipping began, it was decided to oragnize the Carolina Fruit Exchange and to secure the co-operation of all growers if possible. The time was so short that it was impossible to get over and canvass the entire territory and thereby secure the larger percentage of the crop. The Exchange was operated in a small way and even with the small percentage of the entire output of the State handled by the Carolina Fruit Exchange, we feel that it did us a great deal of good, which fact is borne out by statements from grawers who were not members of the organization to the effect that had not the Exchange been in existence the past season, the prices received from berries would have been from twenty-five to thirty-five per cent. less than we did receive.

At a meeting of the members held at this point, on November 5th, a dividend of the profits of the Exchange from last season's operations was declared ,and each growers share has been turned over to him. At this meeting it was pointed out that some dissatisfaction existed among some of the members, due to the fact that the Selling Committees at each shipping station, and in some instances held off for a higher price than was necessary. In order to eliminate this objection, it was decided that the coming season, it should be understood that each shipper shall be their own judge of his berries, and that if he cares to sell at any time he is permitted to do so. Thererore, the plan of the Exchange, will be to protect their members in this manner. The first and foremost idea is to sell your berries f. o. b., your shipping station if the prices offered are satisfactory to the owner. If the prices offered are not satisfactory then ship through the Exchange, under the plan of protection, through bonded commission merchants in the various markets proper distribution of the daily out-put through Potomac Yards, according to the laws of supply and demand, supervision of the movement and icing enroute, and it is believed that under this plan ,the results cannot be but satisfactory to each individual.

The organization of the Exchange and the operation of same is conducted with no additional cost to any shipper. A member in joining agrees that if his berries are sold f. o. b., he pays the Exchange 3 per cent. of the sale. We feel that this 3 per cent. paid, will more than offset many times by the enhanced prices offered, and certainly you do not hae tvo sell, unless the prices are statisfactory to you. If you decline the f. o. b., price and berries are sent on consignment, you agree that ten per cent. is to be deducted from gross sale to cover all commission charges. Heretofore, it has been the custom that if the prices offered at a point where the berries were being brought were not satisfaoctory to the grower, it was necessary for him to in some cases obligate himself to other shippers to secure space in some car going on consignment and you did not haev the plan of proper distribution and protection that is now offered. At points where there was no buying p,arties shipping on consignment did so, without knowning whether the market to which the car was consinegd was in good condition or not, nor how many other shippers in the State and outside of the State, were shipping the same day to the same market.

Under the plan of the Carolina Fruit Exchange, if the prices offered at shipping point are not satisfactory to the memebr ,he is by being a member of the Exchange, maintaining an organization to take care and protect him.

The contract which shippers are singing readily in this section provides that unless 50 per cent. of the berry acreage at your shipping station is signed the contract is void. In order that as many memebrs as possible can be secured and the required amount of acreage pledegd, we are writing you this letter asking that you co-operate with us in this effort to strengthen our business, for we feel that if the berry business of today has to be carried on as in the past, we will within a few years have to go out of business. The yield per acre has been so low in the last few years with some shippers, due to the weevil and other causes ,that in orweevil and other causes, that in order to pay our expense and stay in the business on a profitable basis, we must secure a competent organization for our protection.

As it is expensive to carry on this organization work indefinitely and as there is a large territory to cover, we would like to ask that all growers who feel interested in the Exchange and wish to co-operate with us, that they make it known by communication with the Carolina Fruit Exchange at Chadbourn, N. C., and if necessary a representative will be glad to call and explain any point that may not be clear to you.

Hoping to receive your co-operation in this work, we are,

D. Boughner, Grists, N. C.; Elroy Bailey, Chadbourn, N. C.; L. A. Bailey, Chadbourn ,N. C.; R. A. Blake, Chadbourn, N. C.; C. D. Burns, Grists, N. C.; A. F. Coultas, W. R. Caines, P. W. R. Caines, Grists, N. C.; P. A. A. Cowan, J. J. Hendren, C. R. Leonhart, Chadbourn, N. C.; George F. Lowman, Whiteville, N. C.; R K. Moore, Chadbourn, N. C.; J. L. Memory, Whiteville, N. C.; W. J. McGirt, Whiteville, N. C.; J. T. Newland, Chadbourn, N. C.; C. A. Usher, Chadbourn, N. C., and E. T. Usher, Chadbourn, N. C.

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EXPRESSED THEIR WISHES.

Citizens of Cumberland in Mass Meeting Discussed Legislation.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 17.—An assemblage of unusual, if not unique character, gathered in this city, afternoon today, when in response to a call from Cumberland county's newly elected legislative representatives, citizens of the county met in mass meeting to discuss the nature of legislation to be asked for at the session of the state law-makers.

As the result of thorough discussion resolutions were adopted requesting the Legislators to procure the establishment of a legalized primary for Cumberland county and the passage of bills authorizing a police justice court in Fayetteville, and giving one member of the board of county commissioners a salary sufficient to enable him to devote his entire time to the county's affairs, thus increasing the efficiency of this board.

No decisive action was taken on the most thoroughly discussed subject before the meeting, that of good roads. This question was referred to a meeting to be held January 7th, which State Geologist Joseph Hyde Pratt was by resolution invited to address and to form a good roads association at that time. Mayor James D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, was made chairman of the committee to draft a suitable good roads law to be submitted to the January meeting.

The putting of county offices on a salary basis was discussed but no action was taken on this subject. The legislators at whose call the meeting was held are: Major J. W. McLaughlin, Capt. A. D. McNeill and Chas. G. Rose, Esq.

Mr. James N. Marsh, of this city, died suddenly this morning at 7:30 o'clock, at Maxton, while on his way to Fayetteville. His remains will be brought here tonight and funeral conducted tomorrow afternoon from the First Baptist Church. Mr. Marsh was a native of Fayetteville, but had lived in Richmond, Greensboro and Baltimore. He had been in bad health for some time.

Saved From Awful Death.

How an appalling calamity in his family was prevented is told by A. D. McDonald, of Fayetteville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 8. "My sister had consumption," he writes, "she was very thin and pale, had no appetite and seemed to grow weaker every day, as all remedies failed, till Dr. King's New Discovery was tried. and so completely cured her, that she has not been troubled with a cough since. It's the best medicine I ever sa wor heard of." For coughs, colds, la grippe, asthma, croup, hemorrhages, all bronchial troubles, it has no equal, 50c, $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Robt. R. Bellamy.

CRUSADE AGAINST FRAUDS.

Horse Races and Stock Market Tipsters Next.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Horse races and stock market tipsters and others who purport to have "exclusive inside information" "of sure winners" at the races and of what may happen in the stock market, may soon find the Department of Justice calling upon them to show that their business is legitimate. It is the Departments intention to rid the United States mails of all frauds. Complaints have been made to the bureau of investigation against some of the Wall street agencies and a partial investigation is afoot to determine if there is any evidence of wrong doing.

The stand taken by the Farmers' Union for legislation looking to the teaching of elementary agriculture in the rural schools is commendable. The chief object of this organization of farmers is to educate the boys and ghls of the rural districts ,which means to place on a higher plane the life on the farm. Already the farmers have done a good work in this direction and the determination with which they are carrying out the plans already formulated will admit of nothing less than success.—Greensboro Telegram.

The exoneration of Senator Larimer is enough to make Colonel Roosevelt turn ver in his political grave.—Atlanta Journal.

The current issue of the American Motorist is of unsual interest to North Carolinians. The leading article "Touring to Dixie" goes through the State and Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt contributes an illuistrated article Possible Auto Tours Through North Carolina." Besides the route and map scenes the American Automobile Association furnishes a map of the main route between the northern and middle western states and the south in which Rockingham figures conspicuous. It is at the intersection of the Capital and Wilmington-to Charlotte highways.—Rockingham (N.C.) Post.

The sale of a plantation in Clarendon county, South Carolina, for the sum of $50,000 is noted by the newspapers. It would be interesting to learn now at what figure it has been returned for taxation. Land that is taxed on an assessment of from five to twenty dollars the acre and that cannot be bought for less than one hundred or two hundred dollars the acre does not appear to be bearing its full burden of taxation. There are thousands of acres of land like this in South Carolina. What would happen to their owners if they were railroads of factories and not landowners it would be impertinent to inquire.—Richmond Times Dispatch.

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These time tables are corrected to Nov. 28, 1910, but their correctness nor the arrivals and departures are not guaranteed, the figures being given as the best available information as to schedules of this company and its connections.

	42	48	*Daily.	49	41	
	*7 00pm	*8 40am	Lv.. ....WILMINGTON.....Ar.	6 15pm	9 45am	
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	11 45pm	1 18pm	Ar.....Rocky Mount .....Lv.	12 58pm	5 05am	
	2 13am	4 55pm	Ar. .....Weldon.....Lv.	11 30am	3 25am	
	4 00am	7 05pm	Ar. .....Petersburg.....Lv.	9 13am	1 40am	
	4 40am	8 00pm	Ar. .....Richmond.....Lv.	8 15am	1 00am	
	8 00am	11 50pm	Ar.....Washington.....Lv.	4 20am	9 40pm	
	9 10am	1 15am	Ar. .....Baltimore.....Lv.	2 50am	8 20pm	
	11 35am	3 10am	Ar.....West Philadelphia.....Lv.	12 19am	5 44pm	
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	1 50pm	b5 50am	Ar. .....NEW YORK.....Lv.	*9 30pm	*3 38pm	
			(7th Ave. & 32nd St.)			

(a)—Connections made at Manhattan Transfer with trains to and from Jersey City and thence with Desbrosses or Cortlandt street ferries and with Hudson River Terminal tubes to and from lower New York City.
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48 and 49—Pullman parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman service.

42 and 41—Pullman Broiler buffet sleeping cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains with Pullman service.

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	*7 00pm	*8 40am	Lv. ... WILMINGTON ... Ar.	6 15pm	9 45am	
	11 45pm	1 18pm	Ar. .. .. Rocky Mount .. .. Lv.	12 58pm	5 05am	
	3 30am	7 20pm	Lv. .. .. Rocky Mount .. .. Ar.	12 58pm	10 35pm	
	4 13am	2 03pm	Ar. .. .. Tarboro .. .. Lv.	12 18pm	9 58pm	
	8 00am	5 55pm	Ar.....NORFOLK.....Lv.	*8 15am	*6 20pm	

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	55	51	*Daily	50	54	
	*3 15pm	*5 45am	Lv.....WILMINGTON.....Ar.	11 40pm	1 40pm	
	7 25pm	9 30am	Ar. .....Florence.....Lv.	8 00pm	9 30am	
	2 25am	3 25pm	Ar. .....Charleston.....Lv.	4 37pm	5 25am	
	2 25am	3 30pm	Ar. .....Savannah.....Lv.	12 05pm	12 25am	
	11 55am	2 20am	Ar. .....Albany.....Lv.	1 25am	1 55pm	
	9 40am	1 45am	Ar. .....Thomasville.....Lv.	*2 05am	2 05pm	
	5 50pm	8 50am	Ar. .....Montgomery.....Lv.	6 50pm	6 05am	
	7 15am	8 00pm	Ar. .....JACKSONVILLE.....Lv.	7 30am	7 55pm	
	2 05pm	2 16am	Ar. .....Sanford, Fla.....Lv.	1 35am	2 55pm	
	7 00pm	7 00am	Ar. .....TAMPA.....Lv.	9 00pm	10 30am	
	8 55pm	8 00am	Ar. ST. PETERSBURG....Lv.	8 15pm	6 45am	
	10 20pm	1 05pm	Ar. FORT MYERS.....Lv.	*3 00pm	*6 45am	

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55	51	*Daily	32-50	54	
*3:15pm	*5 45am	Lv.....WILMINGTON.....Ar.	11 40pm	1 40pm	
7 25pm	9 30am	Ar. .....Florence.....Lv.	8 00pm	9 30am	
9 20pm	11 15am	Ar. .....Sumter.....Lv.	5 55pm	7 40am	
11 10pm	12 50pm	Ar. .....COLUMBIA.....Lv.	4 10pm	6 00am	
9 25am	.....	Ar. .....AUGUSTA.....Lv.	2 30pm	.....	
11:50pm	1 10pm	Lv .... COLUMBIA, Sou. Ry. .. Ar	2 30pm	4 40am	
5 30am	7 40pm	Ar. ..... Saluda...Sou. Ry. .....Lv.	8 45am	10 25pm	
6 00am	8 15pm	Ar. ....Hendersonville...Sou. .....Lv.	8 05am	9 50pm	
7 00am	9 15pm	Ar. ....ASHEVILLE Sou. Ry.....Lv.	7 00am	8 50pm	
7 20pm	.....	Ar. ....Knoxville...Sou. Ry.....Lv.	*1 35am	7 40am	
8 40am	.....	Ar. ....Louisville...Sou. Ry.....Lv.	.....	8 00am	
8 00am	.....	Ar. .....P. CINCINNATI Q & C.....Lv.	.....	*8 10pm	

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54—**SLEEPING CARS** Cincinnati and Louisville to Asheville, Asheville to Columbia and Columbia to Wilmington. Sleeper from Columbia open to receive passengers at 10 P. M.

50—**SLEEPING CAR** Columbia to Wilmington.
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57	51	55	*Dly. !Dly. Ex. Sun. xSun only.	54	50	58
7 30pm	*5 45am	*3 15pm	Lv.....WILMINGTON.....Ar.	1 40pm	11 40pm	8 30am
9 15pm	7 28am	5 00pm	Ar..... CHADBOURN ...Lv.	*11 40am	*9 56pm	6 25am
10 10pm	11 50am	x5 15pm	Lv..... CHADBOURN. ...Ar.	7 10am	5 00pm	5 15am
11 45pm	1 30pm	6 45pm	Ar.....CONWAY.....Lv.	x5 40am	3 30pm	4 30am

61	53	*Daily	!Daily ex Sun	60	52
6 30pm	*8 45am	Lv.....WILMINGTON.....Ar.		10 15am	8 05pm
9 45pm	11 45am	Ar.....Fayetteville.....Lv.		7 10am	4 50pm
9 45pm	12 10pm	Lv.....Fayetteville.....Ar.		6 30am	4 45pm
11 10pm	1 40pm	Ar.....SANFORD.....Lv.		5 05am	*3 30pm

62	64	*Daily !Daily Except Sunday	63	65
*3 25pm	5 50am	Lv.....WILMINGTON.....Ar.	12 50pm	6 50pm
5 22pm	7 42am	Ar.....Jacksonville, N. C.....Lv.	10 55am	4 55pm
6 44pm	9 10am	Ar.....Nor. & Sou. Junction.....Lv.	9 33am	3 35pm
6 50pm	9 15am	Ar.....NEWBERN, N. C.....Lv.	*9 30am	3 30pm

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6:30 A M	7:45 A. M
8:30	9:15
10:00	10.45
11:30	12:15
1:00 P. M.	1:45 P. M
2:00	2:45
3:00	3:45
3:30	4:45
4:30	5:15
5:30	6:25
6:10	6:50
7:10	7:50
8:30	9:15
10:00	10:45

SUNDAYS.

8:30 A. M	9:15 A. M
9:30	10:15
10:00	10:45
11:30	2:15 P. M.
1:00 P. M.	1:45
2:00 and every half hour until	2:45 and every half hour until
5:30	6:45
6:10	6:25
7:10	7:50
8:30	9:15
10:00	10:45

WRIGHTSVILLE.

Leave Wilmington for Wrightsville:
Week Days: 6:50, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M.; 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.
Sundays: 8:30, 9:30, 10:00 11:30 A. M.; 1:00, 2:00, 230, 3:00, 3:30, 4:30, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M.

Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington:
Week Days: 6:20, 7:30 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M.; 12:25, 1:55, 2:55, 3:55, 4:55, 5:25, 6:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:25, 10:55, 11:30 P. M.
Sundays: 9:25, 10:25, 10:55, A. M.; 12:25, 1:55, 2:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:25, 10:55, 11:30 P. M.

GOLF LINKS.

Leave Wilmington for Golf Links:
Week Days: 6:50, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00, 2:50, 3:00, 3:30, 4:50, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00, 12:30.

Leave Golf Links for Wilmington:
Week days: 6:35, 7:45, 8:15, 8:45, 9:45, 11:15, 12:45, 1:15, 2:45, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15, 5:45, 6:55, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 11:15, 11:45.

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Lv. Durham	7:00 a m	5:30 p m
Lv. Lynchburg	2:35 p m	2:30 a m
Ar. Cincinnati	7:30 a m	6:25 p m
Ar. Columbus	6:45 a m	7:05 p m
Ar. Chicago	5:00 p m	7:30 a m
Ar. St. Louis	6:33 p m	8:20 a m

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Wednesday, December 21, 1910.

If the nations of the world want to havepeace, they should try the commission plan of government.

A poet writes "Had I the wings of the morning I would fly to her I love!" What about getting down to real business and going to see his girl in a Wright Biplane? The "wings of the morning" have never been known to flop.

A dispatch from Elizabeth City states that while in a schooner in the middle of Pamlico Sound, Mrs. Erastus Scarboro, of Hatteras, became a mother. Of course, the infant was a Sound child in every respect.

Says the Savannah Morning News: "One of the new battleships is to be named "Texas." Senator Bailey is quoted as saying he will insist that it be christened with spring water. Great Scott! But what will be order as a chaser?" Why-er-the battleship Texas is expected to be a chaser.

"She looked at him longingly, lovingly, sweetly and invitingly." That is not from an Indian novel but it croped out in a Chicago divorce court and was mentioned to the court by a wife who was pleading for a divorce because her husband's pretty stenographer had captivated him that way. The court decided that it was a true bill.

In a scientific lecture at Washington on Sunday night, Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the government food expert, said: "A million years hence men will freeze to death on the equator." The Doctor should remember, however, that, according to popular belief, men are not going to the equator but but will be in a place that will thaw the equator—if they don't look out.

Col. Carnegie should spend some of his money to secure peace between Savannah and Charleston. Savannah is on the eve of organizing a naval expedition against Charleston because the Charleston Post says "Savannah is a fine river town," and Charleston has cause to go to war because the Savannah News started a report that a girl fell in the Charlestaon harbor and waded out.

"Eli Perkins," one of America's greatest humorists, died a few days ago. His real name was Melville D. Landon, and twenty years ago his quaint philosophic sayings and humorous prevarications made the world laugh. His wit was keen and as a humorist he ranked with Josh Billings, Mark Twain and Bill Nye whose merriness has relapsed into the silence of the grave. For a dozen or more years Eli Perkins had been more or less an invalid and had done no writing, but time was that when he did write every line was good for a chuckle. Verily, the light-hearted and the solemn find their way to a common grave.

Temporary Senator Lafe Young, of Iowa, was in the United States Senate only ten days when he made a maiden speech that was the sensation of the hour. Lafe called the grave and reverend Senators "boys" and chewed the rag with them in a way that brought on a shock. The new Iowa Senator is a newspaper man and he got a scoop on the stuffed prophets with a speech that was "different." There wasn't so very much in it except that the Editor-Senator made things breezy while firing an oral editorial at the bunch of statesmen "higher up"— a class of aviators, as it were, who needed "taking down." Nevertheless, Lafe run the risk of being laughed at in order to make a maiden effort that would attract notice and create talk.

CITY ADMINISTRATIONS.

How about the plan of government for Wilmington during the coming year?

Raleigh is demanding the commission plan in her business. That's what we said. She seems to need it because the city's affairs are not administered satisfactorily under the old plan. However, the old plan may not be so much to blame as men who make "a business" of city politics. In most instances the worst product of the prevailing plan of city government is the city politician, the ward heeler, the city machine and the bunch who "pull together" in a mutual exchange of support, one ward for the other, in elections to fill city offices.

These remarks do not apply altogether to Raleigh. They apply to Wilmington and a great many other cities. City politicians may not necessarily be bad men but they practice a system which is bad and has bad results. In many instances city politicians may be ineffective or bad, or both bad and inefficient, but in most cases the system of ward politics under the old plan is responsible for it, so far as the renumerative positions in a government administration go. In other respects, the plan of electing men to positions in which they are expected to work for the city for nothing, is responsible. The old plan seems to breed inefficiency in spite of itself, not perversely, but naturally and logically.

Many men in a city are elected to positions without sufficient pay, while others are paid more than the position warrants for the service rendered. In other instances, alder men or councilmen are elected to serve without pay, and frequently, as as chairmen of councilmanic or aldermanic committees, take charge of valuable departments embracing costly plants, involving large expenditures in their operation and requiring the best administrative ability. The alderman or councilman has had no experience in any such management, and, if he is ever so good a man, he has not the time to spare from his own business to look after the city's business For Nothing. The man who serves the city in responsible positions and does it for nothing cannot be expected to do it properly, and as a matter of fact he cannot do it because he hasn't got the time to do it.

We have seen some very ordinary men, placed as an aldermanic chairmen, in charge of a plant involving city investments of $50,000 to $100,000 and requiring expenditures of $20,000 to $30,000 a year, and we have observed them managing departments in which from $40,000 to $50,000 annually is expended and great efficiency in service is required, yet the committeeman in charge knew nothing of the practical operation or management of the business he had in hand. Worst of all, he was expected to look after exceedingly important city business, really requiring expert attention, at such odd times as he can snatch from his own business, attempting to do the best he could without knowing how, without getting any pay for what he did do or for what he couldn't do if he tried, and endeavoring to do what it was impossible to do in the limited time he had to devote to it.

We have seen capable men occupying the same position in committee work, as the ordinary men alluded to, and we have seen under their management constant deterioration in the plants and infallible inefficiency in the service of the plant and its employes, all because the or ordinarily capable man knew nothing of the business in hand. He could only snatch a portion of his time to do work expected of an expert, and thus doing the best he could, in all probability, he would manage his department with complete dissatisfaction, or with a great deal less efficiency than if the business were managed by an expert paid well for his services. The governmental system under which he works is at fault. That system, or plan with a lack of system, expects raw hands at the bellows, inexperienced men, however good and well intentioned they may be, to manage, increase the efficiency and make progress in departmental management without a dollar's pay for the real kind of work that should have commanded a good salary and an expert to draw it.

This refers to the antiquated plan of ordinary city governments and it refers to no individual except in a most general way, and if it did it makes no difference. Nevertheless, we are hitting the plan that puts a considerable police force or some other equally important department in the hands, probably, of a mighty good man, but one who knows nothing of the police business, for instance, and who has neither the experience, nor tack, nor general knowledge of measures to increase the efficiency of the police force, nor the time to devote to ascertaining the conditions in a city requiring the vigilance or effective service of policemen. The fact is, it might be said that important city departments practically run themselves. What would be expected of any business worth from $5,000 to $100,000 if it runs itself?

In Wilmington the chief defect in the present plan of government is that there is too much distribution of authority and not sufficient concentration of responsibility in many important particulars. There is too much complication and too little responsibility to insure the best administration, however good may be the men who are doing their part without knowing exactly what their real authority is. Wilmington needs the commission plan of government or some other plan for the reason that the present plan is too cumbersome and for the main reason that, if it wasn't cumbersome, men are expected to perform valuable city service for nothing without having the necessary time to devote to the business in hand or without the experience or proper qualification to handle it, if they didn't have anything else to do.

In a general way, it might be observed that too much ward politics in city governments make people tire of "local self government" of the kind and variety they get. That is why citizens in different cities favor the commission plan—any plan, for a change. The whole trouble in many cities is that municipal politics have been "run in the ground." It is believed, and experiments in 96 cities in this country have demonstrated, that the commission plan of municipal administration, secures better results. However, if a certain class of politicians get control under the new plan, what advantage would the commission plan have over any other plan? The advantage of the commission plan over the prevalent plan in most cities is that it simplifies the process of administrating the affairs of a city, concentrates authority, fixes responsibility where it belongs, aims at a saving in the expense of conducting public affairs, and generally is designed to secure closer attention and greater efficiency in all the departments of municipal administration.

The plans of government in cities and towns differ in many instances. In many cities the plan is similar and based on the popular government idea, but it has fallen into disrepute because city machine politics hold sway. The indifferent citizen is responsible for that. The indifferent citizen is often "one of the city's best men." As the shades of evening come, he locks up his place of business, goes home, cocks his feet up before the fire, or gets in a breezy place on the front porch, smokes his cigar and neglects to go to his ward meeting to aid in selecting the best men to look after his city's exceedingly important affairs. If things go wrong in city affairs he kicks like a steer, unmindful of the fact that he is largely responsible for neglecting his civic duty —a serious duty he owes to himself as well as to the public. Many "a good man" who has seriously neglected his duty to his city has discharged a clerk for neglecting a duty that is like thirty cents as compared to the value of North Carolina's increased corn crop.

THE AEROPLANE MENACE.

At last Mr. Andrew Carnegie has discovered a way to spend his money so he can "die poor." The other day he gave $11,500,000 towards the peace movement and on the same day the naval authorities of Great Britain decided to build another 24,000-ton battleship. At the same time the United States Congress is figuring on an appropriation for a bigger navy and a greater army. Congress is being urged to make a large appropriation for military aeroplanes, but Capt. Richard Hobson argued for more warships and minimized the importance of the flying machine in warfare. On the other hand, Victor Lougheed, claims that 2,000 aeroplanes would cost no more than one battleship, while it would be difficult to destroy an aeroplane in the air. He declared that "nothing earthbound or waterbound can by the wildest stretch of imagination be expected either to anticipate or meet its harrying attacks from aloft."

We dont' know what Colonel Hobson will have to say to that, but what's the matter with some opposition aeroplanes' running amuck and butting-in in such a way in mid-air that the attacking aeroplanes and the defensive aeroplanes should put each other out of commission and plunge to the earth on top of the landlubbers? Mr. Lougheed talks like a man who thinks the other fellow won't have any aeroplanes with which to harry the enemy., However, it is a game at which two belligerents can play.

We have tried to induce the world powers to agree to cut the aeroplane out of warfare, because we believe it will be the means of somebody's getting hurt. Nevertheless, in spite of our pleadings and Colonel Carnegie's money, they seem determined to drag the aeroplane into the fight. In view of that fact, we threaten to invent a bomb, which, upon being thrown high into the sky, will explode and emit gas that will asphyxiate the whole bunch of aviators and put the entire flock of flying machines out of business. Colonel Carnegie might as well spend some of his $11,500,000 in buying up our bomb proposition.

Darn the ordinary socks of today? They are hardly worth wearing.

Everybody seems to be doing it early in order to get in the push on Front street. he injunction seems to have been obeyed unanimously.

Dr. Cook asks to be given one more chance to convince the world that he discovered the North Pole. What earthly good will any further prevarication do at this time?

CURRENT COMMENT.

We respectfully invite Charlotte up to look at our new lights.—Raleigh Times.

We can pledge the toiling patriots of this country that so long as there is a single Republican holding office the task of saving the country will go bravely on. The country can never be safe until every one of the rascals is out.—Houston Post.

Secretary Wilson's statistics show that the farmers of America have raised enough corp this year to cancel the national debt, but as the grocers have sold them enough groceries to cancel the national debt the fiscal situation will not be materially altered by the charity of the corn growers—Louisville Courier-Journal.

We are reminded by the Wilmington Star, says the Charlotte Chronicle, that Friday will be North Carolina Day in all the public schools of the State. The study of the day will be North Carolina poets and poetry. The day should be one of both interest and instruction to the schools children. The subject requires research, but it could be made a profitable one.

To the members of the next Legislature: The people of Raleigh voted almost unanimously to approve your law for the sale of the old market and the erection of a new one. Your committee refuses to carry out the will of the people as expressed at the ballot box. Will you stand by the people or will you listen to the whims of a dissatisfied committee or will you give the people a NEW committee to carry out the law?—Raleigh Times.

The notion of engraving the portrait of Brigham Young on the silver service of the new battleship Utah is worthy only of Mormons or lunatics. If the picture of the moral reprobate who did more than any other man to degrade American womanhood is to be an adjunct of the United States navy pray let us have women quit breaking the bottles of champagne with which we christen battleships. What can the Navy Department be thinking of?—Buffalo Times.

Lynn, Mass., has decided on the commission form of government. Lynn is the largest and most important Eastern city to adopt the innovation. Something like a hundred Western and Southern cities have adopted the commission and the chances are that a number of others will fall into line in the near future. After a while, probaly, the East will be willing to acknowledge that the West and the South can teach her something with respect to the science of government. —Savannah News.

Mr. Champ Clark, who will be Speaker of the next House, has outlined some of his views. He is reported as having said that "he favors the appointment of committees of the House by a committee rather than by the Speaker; and that the tariff should be revised schedule by schedule rather than in one single bill," if that is his platform. He is all right and the change from Cannon to Clark will be welcomed by the entire country. The revision of the tariff, section by section, is the only way in which that vexed work can be done intelligently—Charlotte Chronicle.

With a cotton crop worth not much less than $900,000,000 about three times the value of not so many years ago, the South ought to be prosperous; and President Finley of the Southern Railway, who has been looking carefully over his territory, says it is prosperous. He notes that the planter not only has a large cotton crop, which sells at a high price, but that he has to spend less than usual of the proceeds of his cotton to buy corn and meat. He is acquiring his economic independence by raising more and more of his supplies, while his money crop is bigger than ever.—Philadelphia Record.

A new life saving apparatus, called the "sleigh buoy," which weighs only fifteen pounds and can be easily carried on the run into deep water, then paddled to the person in danger, is being used at many bathing resorts. It is claimed that by its use persons in danger of drowning can be rescued before a boat could be even launched, and without risk to the rescuer, as a swimmer, trying to save a drowning person, is often a victim to the struggles of the one he would save. In a case of "man overboard" from a vessel, the "sleigh buoy," manned by one who could propel it, might double the chances of rescue as against an ordinary life preserver thrown overboard. —Popular Mechanics.

Onslow county has returned Mr. E. M. Koonce to the Legislature for the fourth time. He has given out a statement as to some of the things he favors. He wants a State-wide primary, the legalization of taxation of lands in the various counties, the establishment of a State highway and drainage commission, and the riddance of so much local legislation. And finally: "I favor economy, but I also favor the people giving the people all the privileges and blessings that they are entitled to receive from a rich, prosperious and rapidly growing State. I therefore, favor liberal appropriations to all our State institutions. The State's business should be dealt with as a prudent business man deals with his own business." We are inclined to believe that Mr. Koonce is going to prove a valuable legislator. He certainly will if he has his way.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Speaker Cannon is said to have lodged with Attorney General Wickersham his protest against the appointment of W. B. Lewis, a Boston negro, to be assistant attorney general of the United States. The Speaker doesn't base his opposition on the color of the appointee. He doesn't care three straws whether he is white or black, or yellow, or green. He says there is no use for the office, and that the creation of it would be an outrage upon the taxpayers. Now, if Speaker Cannon will go a little further along that line he will have the gratitude of the public at large. How many offices, fat offices, are there under the government that are absolutely useless? Senator Aldrich is on record as saying that he could run the government for $300,000,000 a year less than it is costing. It is a perfectly safe proposition that a very large part of this waste goes for the payment of salaries to government officials who are not needed and who never render any adequate return for their compensation.—Savannah Morning News.

The organization in this city of a company to purchase plantation acres of land, then divide them into small farms and offer these to bona fide farmers of more or less independent, but limited means, is the beginning of the execution of a long cherished theory that the South would prosper most when the old plantation could be sub-divided and occupied by proprietary farmers instead of depending upon colored and other tenants. The best stimulus to the white farmer, native or immigrant, is the open door of ownership of a 20 to 40 acre farm. The best incentive to the colored man is the open door of ownership of a farm of comparatively small area—a number of acres that he can take care of himself. Big plantations have meant, ever since the Civil War, a dependent tenancy and a helpless poverty for the owner. The tenant system on the old plantation practically precludes that diversity in farming that makes for the best success. Cotton! cotton! cotton! and poverty! poverty! spiritless poverty! have been the rule. Small farms, owned by their occupants, mean increased population and greatly increased thrift among the owners. When this movement has made a fair start in its development there will come the opportunity of inaugurate the German system of land loan banks on the mutual plan to furnish credits for those who have not all the money to pay cash down for a small farm and a home. For the inauguration of this movement in Mecklenburg county, credit is to be given Mr. F. C. Abbott, for years past a leader in real estate development in this section and a man who has done much to stimulate suburban growth. —Charlotte Chronicle.

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SIGHTLESS MAN CONVICTED

Robert Brown, Colored, Sentenced to Three Months in Jail for Selling Whiskey—Takes Appeal—Costin Case Continued.

The case against Thomas Costin, a white man, charged with selling whiskey in violation of the State prohibition law, having been continued until Thursday at the request of the defendant, the feature of yesterday's session of the Recorder's court was the trial of Robert Brown, a sightless colored man, on a similar charge, who has appeared in court before for selling whiskey as well as for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

Although Brown cannot see a particle, this misfortune does not seem to be a handicap to him in the sale of whiskey, if the witness who gave testimony against him is to be believed. He is said to be an expert at the business and can hand out bottles of whiskey and receive the proper change in return in such manner as to put to shame some of the tigers which have eyes. Brown was charged in the warrant with selling whiskey to Bertha Grady, colored, who denied on the witness stand that she had ever purchased any whiskey from the defendant. The defendant also testified that he had not sold the whiskey as alleged in the warrant. But Fleet Backus, a colored woman, swore positively that she saw Brown hand a bottle of whiskey to the woman, who gave him 15 cents. The testimony of this woman convicted the defendant, who was given three months in the county jail. L. Clayton Grant, Esq., his counsel, gave notice of an appeal to Superior Court and in default of bond the defendant went to jail. Just what to do with Brown, when he is convicted, is a problem. He is of no service whatever on the county roads and is a dead expense while in the county jail. This is a problem the Recorder has had to wrestle with several times before.

Melvin Walker, colored, was called to answer the charge of larceny of a pair of shoes from J. J. Jackson, colored. Jackson stated in court yesterday that he did not authorize the issuance of the warrant and that he had not had any shoes stolen from him. The defendant was released.

Mattie Williams, Maxie Cox and Vera Galloway, colored women of an unsavory reputation, were called to answer the charge of disorderly conduct. They were arrested on 12th, between Princess and Chesnut streets, Monday night, upon complaint that they were disorderly and disturbing the neighborhood by their loud cursing. They were found guilty and fined $25 each and the costs.

Chas. Fowler, colored, was convicted of the charge of assault with deadly weapon on Fleet Backus, a colored woman, and sentenced to three months on the county roads. The evidence was to the effect that Fowler went to the home of the woman and drew a pistol on her.

TRUCKERS' COMMITTEE TODAY.

Ways and Means for E. C. T. & F. G. Association—Meeting.

At the office of the secretary, in the Masonic Temple, at 11 o'clock this morning, there will be a meeting of the committee recently appointed by authority of a special resolution at the annual meeting, to provide ways and means for carrying on the work of the East Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers' Association. This organization has been of such invaluable service to the growers in the past that it is generally hoped that some definite permanent plan will be agreed upon and that the Association can be continued. The committee of which President Wm. E. Springer is ex-officio chairman and Mr. H. T. Bauman, secretary, is a very large one and includes in its membership some of the best known business men in this section. It is believed that some plan for the maintenance of the Association will be decided upon, but this is by no means certain and it may be that a very valuable arm of the industry in this section of the State will be lost.

The committee is constituted as follows: Wm. E. Springer, Z. W. Whitehead, Wilmington; J. A. Brown, D. Boughner, Chadbourn; William Struthers, Grists; McD. Fowler, Mt. Tabor; M. M. Harrelson, Clarendon; J. L. Williamson, Cerro Gordo; Dr. Geo. F. Lucas, Currie; S. H. Strange, Fayetteville; J. A. Westbrook, Mount Olive; H. J. Faison and T. H. Carmine, Faison; W. L. Hill, Warsaw; Dr. B. F. Hatcher, Rose Hill; B. F. Fussell, Teachey's; Dr. B. R. Graham, Wallace; W. M. Hand, Burgaw; T. J. Armstrong, W. A. Brown, Rocky Point.

FUNERAL OF MRS. GATES.

Will be Held in This City Today—Body Brought Here Last Night.

The funeral of Mrs. Annie M. Gates, who died suddenly of heart trouble at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. R. L. Bowman, in Petersburg, Va., Monday morning, was brought to this city last night and taken to the home of Mr. Harry Clowe, a nephew of the deceased, at No. 510 Princess street. The funeral services will be held today from St. John's P. E. Church at 3.30 P. M. and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

Steamer is Still Ashore.

The Spanish steamer Uurikola Mendi, Capt. Del Heirro, previously reported stranded in the North Sea, with cargo of cotton from this port, is still ashore, according to a cablegram received yesterday by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son. It will be recalled that the steamer is bound to Bremen and has cargo valued at $1,015,000.

Wants to Help Some One.

For thirty years J. F. Boyer, of Fertile, Mo., needed help and couldn't find it. That's why he wants to help some one now. Suffering so long himself he feels for all distress from backache, nervousness, loss of appetite, lassitude and kidney disorders. He shows that Electric Bitters work wonders for such troubles. "Five bottles," he writes, "wholly cured me and now I am well and hearty." It's also positively guaranteed for liver trouble. Dyspepsia, blood disorders, female complaints and malaria. Try them. 50c at Robt. R. Bellamy's.

MUST PROVIDE FIRE ESCAPES

Mayor Receives Letter From Insurance Commissioner Calling Attention to Building Which Need This Safety.

Following the inspection made a few days ago by Deputy Insurance Commissioner W. A. Scott, of Raleigh, in company with Building Inspector H. E. Bonitz and Chief of the Fire Department Chas. Schnibben, Mayor Walter G. MacRae yesterday morning received a letter from State Insurance Commissioner J. R. Young, calling attention to several buildings in Wilmington which have not been provided with fire escapes and asking that the matter be attended immediately. The letter follows:

"Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 19, 1910.

"Honorable Mayor, Wilmington, N. C.

"Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of a report from Capt. W. A. Scott, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, in which he notifies me the following building in your city should be equipped with fire escapes. All of them, with one exception, the Ahern building, which calls for two; McIlhenney building, corner Second and Market street, three story brick, should have one fire escape: Bonitz Hotel, Market street, three-story brick, should have one fire escape; Central Hotel, Market street, three-story, should have one escape; Virginia Hotel, Market street, three-story, should have one escape; W. H. Yopp, Water street, near Market, should have one escape; Southern Hotel, Front street, should have one escape; Solky building, three-story brick, should have one escape; Colonial Inn, three-story brick, should have one escape; Boys' High School, three-story brick, should have one escape; Boys' Brigade, two-story brick, should have one escape.

"I will appreciate it if you will have your building inspector or chief of fire department to notify these parties of these requirements if the same has not already been done and see that the escapes are erected and the result reported to this department.

"Thanking you in advance for your prompt attention to these matters, I am, with best wishes,

"Very truly yours,

"J. R. YOUNG."

Mayor MacRae promptly referred the letter to City Engineer Humphreys, who notified Building Inspector H. E. Bonitz, who stated that the owners of the building mentioned had already been notified that the fire escapes must be provided. The building inspector gave 30 days in which to comply with the law and states that he shall expect every building to be equipped with a fire escape by the expiration of that time.

TAX-PAYERS ARE BUSY.

Attaches of Sheriff's Office Handling Much Money These Days.

Although this is the week preceding Christmas when there is always great activity in every line and business, there is no busier place than the Sheriff's office at the Court House. Noting such a large number of people lined up in front of Mr. Mike Cronly's desk waiting to be served by Mr. Cronly and Mr. James H. Taylor, Jr., popular attaches of the office, a Star representative ventured to inquire of Sheriff S. P. Cowan the reason. The sheriff explained that they were delinquent tax-payers who had called in response to his urgent request that they settle their taxes this week, as he is now preparing a list of the property upon which taxes have not been paid for advertisement the 1st of January. Many of those who have paid did not intend to delay so long, but in their preparations for the gladsome season overlooked the fact that the great State of North Carolina needs financial help just now and is pressing Sheriff Cowan for a settlement. The matter brought forcibly to their attention and realizing that their property will be advertised unless the taxes are paid within the next few days, they are in a hurry to get their receipts and not longer be classed among the delinquents. There are still a great many others who have not yet responded to the call and Sheriff Cowan expects business to pick up from day to day until January 1st.

BOARD OF AUDIT AND FINANCE

Regular Monthly Meeting Held Last Night — Routine Matters.

The Board of Audit and Finance was in regular semi-monthly session for only 30 minutes last night, there being no special business of importance for the consideration of the body. Chairman M. J. Heyer presided and in attendance were Messrs. Jesse Wilder and W. B. Cooper, members of the board, and Capt. Thos. D. Meares, the clerk. After the reading of the minutes, the bills for the past fortnight were read and approved. Coupons to the amount of $632.50, which had been paid, were destroyed. With the exception of $20 the coupons were on water and sewerage bonds. The bill of a New York engineers' paper for $29.60 for advertising bids for doing approximately $2,000 worth of work on the Wright street improvement, was returned to the city engineer for further information. Advertisements for this work were inserted in the local papers and the members of the board, with the information in hand, could not see the necessity for advertising in a New York paper for a small contract. The bill of City Attorney Herbert McClammy for defining the duties of the several commissions and boards some time ago at the request of Chairman Wm. E. Springer, of the Police and Fire Commission, was approved. The board adjourned at 8.30 o'clock.

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CORONER'S JURY INVESTIGATES

Son of Dead Woman Says That John Bowman, Colored, Killed Her—Statements of Defendant Not Borne Out.

That John Bowman, colored, shot and killed Eliza Hickson, colored, at her home on Wilson street, between Nun and Church streets, Monday night, is the firm belief of the police officers, and the testimony before the coroner's jury yesterday morning tended very strongly to bear out this conclusion. Bowman, who gave himself up about three hours after the shooting, is still in prison, pending the findings of the coroner's jury, which will probably hold its final sessions today.

The coroner's jury met at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and organized by the election of Julius Sternberger as foreman and John W. Gafford, Esq. secretary, the other members being Neill Gallagher, Lonnie Smith, John Sheehan and W. B. Savage. The jurors went to the undertaker's establishment of Edward Green, colored, on North Eight street, and viewed the body of Eliza Hickson, following which they met in the grand jury room at the Court House to hear the testimony of witnesses of the tragedy.

Ed. Hickson, about 20 years old, son of the dead woman, was the first and most material witness. He testified that he and several other persons were in his mother's room Monday night; that shortly before 9 o'clock, John Bowman, a roomer, entered and exclimed: "What are you all raising so much h—— about?" at the same time drawing from his pocket a revolver, which he fired point blank at Eliza Hickson, and then fired at Jacob Hickson, another son of the deceased, who left the room immediately and in a few minutes returned with a pistol, arriving just as Bowman departed through a rear door. The witness said that his brother fired one time at Bowman.

Jacob Hickson testified that he was in the room with the others, but left and went to another room, he heard pistol shots followed immediately by cries from his brother that their mother had been shot; witness picked up his pistol and ran out, firing at Bowman as he left the premises.

Lena Galloway, colored, was called as a witness, but she did not know anything about the tragedy, having left the house and gone to the home of a friend nearby before the shooting occurred. She said she heard the shots, but did not know who fired them.

Sergeant C. E. Wood, of the police force, was the next and last witness of the session. He testified that at 12:15 o'clock yesterday morning Bowman went to the City Hall and asked to be placed under arrest, stating that he was the one accused of the murder of Eliza Hickson. Bowman was taken into custody and lodged in a cell. Bowman told witness and other officers at the hall that he did not shoot the woman ;that he fired his pistol three times, each bullet lodging in the back door. The negro had his pistol with him and showed that three cartridges had been fired. Members of the coroner's jury decided that there was a possibility of the statement of Bowman being true and adjourned with the examination of Sergeant Wood until 10 o'clock this morning, in order to make an examination of the back door in the home of Eliza Hickson to see whether any bullets had lodged there.

Several members of the jury went immediately to the home of the deceased woman and did not find any indent whatever in the door or wall which had been made by pistol balls. The jury will re-assemble at 10 o'clock this morning at which other witnesses will be examined.

It was stated at the coroner's investigation that the pistol used by Bowman was .38 calibre while the weapon used by Jacob Hickson was .32 calibre. The county physician, Dr. W. D. MacMillan, will probe for the bullet which caused the death of the woman, and hopes to have it for exhibition to the jury this morning, and his finding, it is thought, will have an important bearing upon the case.

It was stated yesterday that Bowman Monday morning attempted to shoot Walter Bell, a wheelwright of this city, the alleged altercation occurring behind the Marine Hospital.

Fritz Bowman, a brother of the alleged murderer, was arrested yesterday morning by Deputy Sheriff Temple, on warrant charging him with assault on Edward Hickson and Eliza Hickson, both warrants being sworn out by Edward Hickson before Justice Bornemann Monday afternoon. The case was set for hearing at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, but when called, the defendant announced that he was not ready for trial and asked for a continuance until 10 o'clock this morning which was granted. The negro went to jail in default of $100 bond. Bowman, in turn, swore out a warrant against Edward Hickson, charging him with assault. Hickson was recognized for his appearance at trial today before Justice Borneman.

The police stated yesterday that they had learned that John Bowman had some women of bad reputation in his room a few nights ago and that Eliza Hickson objected to any such conduct which resulted in the trouble which terminated in the death of the latter Monday night.

OCEAN MAIL SERVICE.

Extended to New Orleans for Sailings From That Port.

Manager Preston G. White, of the local offices of the Western Union, is advised that the Ocean Mail Service, recently inaugurated by the company for sailings from New York city, has been extended to New Orleans for sailings from that port. Southern people will be interested to know that a Southern port has been added for this extra and most convenient service for all who have the dispatching of mails by steamship.

Banks on Sure Thing Now.

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SHOT IN HEAD BY HIGHWAYMEN

John Medlin, of Northwest, Held Up at Brunswick River Bridge by Three Negroes, Who Fired When He Ran.

Because he refused to submit to his pockets being rifled of their contents by three negro highwaymen but instead put up a rather stiff fight with a knife when accosted by the robbers, John Medlin, of Northwest, Brunswick county, was shot in the hear near Brunswick river bridge, about a mile from the city, yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, according to a telephone message received at police headquarters at 10 o'clock last night from Medlin, who was then at Navassa.

He reported that the highwaymen were headed for Wilmington and requested that a search be instituted here for negroes answering descriptions given by him. Assistant Chief of Police Woolard, who received the message, dispatched an officer to ascertain from the ferryman if any negroes of the description given by Medlin had crossed the river coming this way, but the officer was not able to locate the ferryman. Medlin stated over the telephone that he was on his way home from Wilmington, when accosted by the negroes, who commanded him to throw up his hands and turn over to them his cash. He said that he was too quick for the highwaymen, flashing his knife before they could lay hands on him. They opened fire on him and one of the bullets took effect in his head, inflicting a painful, though not serious, wound. Medlin continued his journey as far as Navassa, fearing to return directly to Wilmington, as the highwaymen were headed this way. He stated to the officer that he would come to Wilmington on the late train last night for medical attention.

Medlin arrived here on one of the late trains from Navassa early this morning and went to police headquarters, where he told his story in detail, and then went to the James Walker Memorial Hospital to have his wound dressed.

He said that his assailants were two mulattoes and one black negro who approached him as he neared the bridge over Brunswick river and attempted to take from his inside coat pocket his money, $36, which was rolled up in a piece of paper. One of the negroes got hold of the paper and tore one end of it, but Medlin succeeded in preventing them from getting the roll out by putting up a stiff fight. He fought so desperately that the negro who held the revolver fired, the bullet taking effect in his forehead, inflicting an ugly but not dangerous wound. Realizing that he must adopt more strenuous measures in order to successfully combat his foes, Medlin drew out his pocket knife and carved up one of the mulattoes and also slashed the black negro once or twice. Medlin said that he then made off as rapidly as he could and was not further molested by the negroes. He attributes his being alive now to the fact that he had his knife and used it so effectively on two of the trio.

The black negro was at a store on Market, between Water and Front streets yesterday afternoon while Medlin was rolling up his money and crossed the river at the same time Medlin went over. The negro was not seen again until the attempted robbery, when he apeared with two mulattoes. Medlin says that he had never seen either of the negroes until yesterday, but he would know them were he to see them again.

Medlin said that he stopped at the home of Mr. T. V. Evans, some distance from the river, and when asked by Assistant Chief of Police Woolard why he did not telephone from there instead of waiting until he got to Navassa, replied that it did not occur to him at that time to notify the police. Medlin was walking at the time of the hold up and stated that he intended to walk to his home at Northwest had he not encountered the negroes.

MINISTERS TAKING A HAND.

Consider Legislation to Aid Enforcement of Prohibition Law.

The Wilmington Ministerial Association, at its regular monthly meeting Monday morning with a large number of the members in attendance, freely discussed the wholesale violation of the prohibition law in Wilmington, one or two declaring the conditions to be as bad as when the city had licensed saloons, not because the law is not a good one and cannot be enforced, but because those charged with the responsibility of its enforcement are not doing their duty. They believe that with some additional legislation at the coming General Assembly, the prohibition law can be made a success in this city. A committee of three, composed of Rev. Dr. John M. Wells, Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, and Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton, was appointed to confer with a committee of three citizens with a view of determining just what legislation should be asked at the hands of the next Legislature. The ministers are considering the matter of asking that the law creating the Recorder's court be so changed as to give the grand jury concurrent jurisdiction in whiskey cases, some of the lawyers here holding that the grand jury has no authority now to investigate violations of the prohibition law. This joint committee will hold a meeting one day this week and probably a called meeting of the Ministerial Association will be held to receive the report.

You Must Read This if You Want the Benefit.

J. W. Greer, Greenwood, La., suffered with a severe case of lumbago, "The pains were so intense I was forced to hypodermic injections for relief. These started with a pain in the small of my back, which gradually became fairly paralyzing. My attention was attracted to Foley's Kidney Remedy and I am glad to say after using this wonderful medicine I am no longer bothered in any way by my old enemy, lumbago." Robt. R. Bellamy.

Not "standpatters" but "stickpatters"—The Red Cross Christmas Seal

A cent for every seal and a seal for every cent.

SIX DREDGES NOW AT WORK

Improvement of the Cape Fear Between Wilmington and the Bar Should Progress Rapidly During Next Few Months.

With the arrival Monday of the dredge Cape Fear from Beaufort inlet, where it has been engaged for the past few months, there are now six dredges at work on the Cape Fear river im the bar. The combined capacity of the dredges is very great and an immense amount of material is being removed from the river channel and bar every day.

For the next few months all of the dredges will be engaged on the work here and possibly later still another will be put to work by the Bowers Southern Dredging Company, which has the contract for doing between $150,000 and $200,000 worth of work during the next year. The dredge Cape Fear was at work on the improvements on the Cape Fear river until a few months when it was sent to Beaufort inlet. Having completed the work there it was again returned here to do work on the bar. Capt. W. A. Crawford is master of the dredge. The other dredges now at work on the Cape Fear river are: No. 9, belonging to the Bowers Southern, Hercules, Jacksonville, Ajax and the suction dredge Comstock.

REV. E. C. SELL ARRIVES.

New Pastor of Trinity M. E. Church Will Occupy Pulpit Sunday.

Rev. E. C. Sell, the new pastor of Trinity Methodist Church for the present conference year, arrived last night with his family from Nashville, N. C., where he was stationed for the past two years. A committee from the congregation was at the union station to greet the pastor and members of his family and to escort them to the parsonage, which had been in the hands of the ladies of the church all the afternoon. Supper had been prepared and everything put in readiness for the reception of the minister and his family, who were given a most cordial welcome to the city. The pastor's larder was provided with supplies sufficient to last for several weeks. Mr. Sell is a very able minister and his work has been crowned with success everywhere he has been sent by the conference. He has many friends in Wilmington, where two of his sons have resided for the past several months, one, Mr. Earl I. Sell, being assistant foreman of the Morning Star.

SENT TO RECORDER'S COURT.

Sarah Holden, Colored, Given Hearing on Charge of Larceny.

Sarah Holden, colored, who was arrested Monday night by Constable Savage, following the discovery of a number of articles in her home belonging to Martha Nelson, colored, was given preliminary hearing in Justice Harriss' court yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock on the charge of larceny. The testimony in the case tends strongly to show house breaking, but owing to the fact that the defendant has a young baby the lesser crime is charged. The defendant admitted to Constable Savage that she entered the rooms of Martha Nelson, who lived in the same building with her, on two different occasions and took therefrom a quantity of garments and other articles, which were taken by her to the home of Annie Bellamy to be "kept until she called for them." Probable cause being found, the defendant was bound over to the Recorder's court and in default of bond went to jail to await hearing today. Her infant child was taken back to jail with her.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Brief Mention, News of Societies, Meetings, Etc.

Mr. Platt Walker Davis has arrived from Columbia, S. C., to spend the holidays here.

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Mr. L. L. Merritt has returned from the A. & M. College, Raleigh, to spend the Christmas holidays.

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Rev. and Mrs. William Melville, of Edinburg, Va., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. M. H. Shepherd, No. 512 Ann street.

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The Music Department of Sorosis will meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the rooms of the Masonic Temple. A full attendance is requested.

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Messrs. Douglass Taylor and Nicholast Post are among the Wilmington "colony" at the University of North Carolina who have returned home for the holidays.

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Mrs. E. H. Hobson, of Atlanta, Ga., and Miss Merle McEachern have arrived to spend the Christmas season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. McEachern.

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Port Deposit, Md., Dec. 19.—Mr. Carlton J. Spear, son of Mr. Herbert W. Spear, of Wilmington, has returned home from the Tome School for Boys at Port Deposit, Maryland, for the Christmas vacation.

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The regular meeting of the Music Department of North Carolina Sorosis will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the Masonic Temple. The programme will be in charge of Mrs. H. E. O'Keefe. It is hoped that every member will attend.

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Mr. S. H. Burtt, of this city, has just returned from Raleigh, where he went to attend the Mid-Winter concert given by the Raleigh Choral Society and conducted by Mr. Gustav Hagedorn. Mr. Burtt speaks in very high terms of the concert. There were eighty voices and a special baritone soloist, the programme being one of rare enjoyment for all who were so fortunate as to attend the concert.

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One of the leading social events of the holiday season in Wilmington will be the marriage at 5 o'clock this afternoon of Miss Gertrude Bryan and Mr. E. Manly Toon, a leading young attorney of the Whiteville, N. C. bar, the ceremony to take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Stone, No. 904 Market street, where the bride-elect has made her home for several years, being very popular in a large circle of friends in this city. The marriage will be one of much interest to a host of friends throughout the State.

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HELPING HAND BIBLE CLASS ENTERTAINED.

The Helping Hand Bible Class of the First Baptist church delightfully entertained a large number in the lecture room of the church last evening, rendering a very pleasing programme, participated in by some of the best talent in the city. Mrs. J. H. Foster is teacher of the class and had general charge of the programme and was ably assisted by a number of members of the class. The evening's entertainment opened with a prelude (Chaminade) by Miss Katie Foard, followed by a vocal solo, "Out on the Deep." (Lohr) by Mr. William B. Muse; violin solo, "To a Wild Rose" (MacDowell), Mr. Frank E. McCravy; vocal solo, "If Thou Didst Love Me" (Denza), Miss Maude Bulluck; Duet by Mrs. Edwards and Mr. Muse; "Absent" (Metcalf), Mr. Frank E. McCravy. This was followed by the rendition of "Our Aunt From California," a pleasing comedy by Barnum, the following being the cast of characters: Felicia Needy, Miss Ella Brady; Rosalie, Miss Edith Brady; Sally, Miss Mattie Maultsby, these being the three sisters; Mrs. Muntoburn, their aunt, Miss Grace Pickard; Miss Wilsoggibs, their dress maker, Miss Grayce Glasgow; Mrs. Needy, their mother, Miss Margaret Pearsall. There was a large crowd in attendance and the entertainment was greatly enjoyed.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Solicitor N. A. Sinclair, of Fayetteville, arrived last night and is a guest at The Orton.

—Mr. Hugh Calder, a student at Princeton University, is spending the holidays with his parents.

—Capt. Earl I. Brown, United States Engineer in charge of this district, and Mr. R. C. Merritt, assistant engineer, left yesterday for Fayetteville for an inspection of the upper Cape Fear river.

Meeting Membership Tonight.

Immediately following the prayer meeting service at Brooklyn Baptist Church tonight there will be a business meeting of the congregation at which several matters of importance will be considered. Rev. C. F. Whitlock, the pastor, is very anxious for a large attendance of his membership. The prayer service begins at 8 o'clock.

Now, Folks, It's Up to You.

Buy stamps! Buy lots of 'em! Put them on your letters and souvenir postal cards. Put them on all your Christmas presents (you can use them in place of seals or string in doing up small packages). Put them any old place—in the stove, if you can't use them up any other way. Only buy them, and buy enough of them to make sure of using up every dollar pledged for the special fund described above, and sending the committee out to hustle for more subscriptions.

The slogan of this year's campaign is, "A Million for Tuberculosis."

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Annie M. Gates will be conducted from St. John's P. E. Church, at 3:30 o'clock this (Wednesday) afternoon. Interment in Oakdale. Friends respectfully invited to attend.

Theatrical

"The Bachelor," with Paul Gilmore ever a favorite in Wilmington, in the stellar role, was presented at the Academy of Music last night to a scattering audience, the small attendance being due perhaps to the adverse criticism the actor and the production have received in some of the places visited recently. The audience was not over enthusiastic, but was fairly well pleased with the production. In the opinion of a great many there is no justification for the severe criticism made by some of the papers, the production upon the whole, being all that could be expected. Paul Gilmore, as George Goodale, made a hit as usual, while the several other parts were well taken. Miss Kathryne Hutchinson, as Milly Rendalx (Goodale's stenographer), a Southerner who was unknown to the stage two years ago, is pretty and fetching and handled her part splendidly. The other five members of the cast performed their parts in a very creditable manner.

At the Bijou Today.

"Out of Mischief," and "The Swiss Guide" will feature the bill at the Bijou theatre today. The former is a comedy of bubbling fun for all lovers of fun and should prove highly entertaining. The latter is a dramatic story of the Canadian Alps and will hold the attention of the audiences.

The Crystal Palace.

The bill at the Crystal Palace this week was materially strengthened yesterday by the arrival of the Musical Bramas, a man and his wife, who do pleasing musical acts. "The Country Cousins," a quartette of clever performers, add much to the programme, especially the two who do the trapeze acts. In addition, two reels of motion pictures are shown at each performance. This makes a long and varied programme.

LOCAL DOTS.

—An umbrella and pair of kid gloves were recently left in the lobby of the postoffice. Owner may recover by applying to postmaster.

—Mr. M. R. Pittman, an experienced and popular pharmacist, of Savannah, Ga., has accepted a position with the J. Hicks Bunting Drug Company.

—The German steamer E. Russ, Capt. Paulsen, cleared yesterday for Newport News, Va., after discharging cargo of fertilizer material; vessel by Heide & Co.

—Always progressive and up-to-the-minute in service or business methods, the Eureka Pressing Club is sending out a handsome calendar for the New Year, one of which the Star acknowledges with thanks.

—Rev. Wm. Melville, of Baltimore, who is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Shepherd, in this city, will conduct the prayer meeting service at Grace Methodist Church tonight, the congregation will be interested to learn.

—By deed filed for record yesterday W. F. F. Newton and wife, et al., transfer to Archibald J. Hanby, for $100 and other considerations, 103 acres of land in Federal Point township, adjoining lands of W. A. Ainsworth and others.

—Willie Johnson, colored, was given hearing in Justice Bornemann's court yesterday on the charge of abandonment and non-support of his wife and children and bound over to the Recorder's court, going to jail in default of bond. He lived at Middle Sound.

—The dredging of the Bowers Southern Dredging Company was begun on the lower Cape Fear river this week at Snow's Marsh. Dredge No. 9, which was brought here several weeks ago from Cape Cod, is engaged in the work, which will be in progress for at least a year under the contract awarded the company.

—Returning from a cruise of a week in the northern portion of her cruising district, the revenue cutter Seminole, Capt. Crisp, which arrived in port yesterday, will leave again this morning for Southport. The cutter went as far North as Cape Hatteras on the last trip, completing the first cruise of the Winter cruising season over her entire district.

Pine Bluk, Ark., Dec. 19.—Arthur Murray, editor of the Press-Eagle, and relative of General Arthus Murray, U. S. A., was shot in the head and probably fatally wounded here tonight. Ed and Gus Lelaurin surrendered. The shooting is said to be the result of a family feud.

Tupelo, Miss., Dec. 19.—John B. Moisant in a 2,500 foot glide, furnished the feature to the first day of Tupelo's aviation meet. Shutting off his motor, Moisant plunged to an almost perfect landing. The tournament will be concluded tomorrow, the aviators leaving for New Orleans.

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FINANCIAL and COMMERCIAL

REPORT ON COTTON FEATURE

Figures of Census Bureau Slightly Above Expectations—Market Closed Quiet, Ten Points Decline—Condition.

New York, Dec. 20.—The feature in the cotton market today was the report of the Census Bureau. This was slightly above expectations based upon private reports previously published and caused some scattering liquidation, but the leading bulls gave no indication of weakening offerings were well absorbed on moderate dips and the market closed steady at a net loss of 6 to 11 points.

The opening was steady at unchanged prices to a decline of 6 points in sympathy with easier cables than were looked for and during the early trading active months sold off to a net loss of about 10 to 12 points under liquidation by recent buyers who appeared to have been looking for a ginning report showing less than 500,000 bales ginned for the period while there was also some local selling for a turn owing to the absence of aggressive bull support.

Offerings were very well taken at the decline and during the middle of the day the market rallied on covering by early sellers and a little fresh buying for long account promoted by claims that the census figures furnished an ample confirmation of the government's estimate of the growth. After selling up to within a point or two of last night's finals however, the market again turned easier, for it was seen that the bullish interpretation of the ginning figures was not stimulating any fresh demand of consequence and as soon as some of the early buyers turned for a few points profit, there was a renewal of local selling with closing prices only 2 to 3 points up from the lowest.

There was considerable divergence of opinion in local circles as to the proper deduction from the census report and while one of the prominent New Orleans bulls claimed that in his opinion the figures did not point to a commercial crop of over 11,500,000 oales, one of the well known local houses issued a statement suggesting that the ginning to December 13th pointed to a commercial crop of over 12,000,000. Others were inclined to take a more middle view arguing that probably as much cotton remained to be ginned after December 13th this year as last. Southern spot markets were generally unchanged to 1-8c higher.

Receipts at the ports today 72,351 against 74,806 last week and 47,735 last year; for the week 325,000 bales against 426,865 last week and 224,740 last year. oday's receipts at New Orleans 11,131 bales against 6,473 last year and at Houston 14,210 against 6,793 last year.

Spot closed quiet, 10 points lower; middling uplands 15.15; middling gulf 15.40; sales 1,790. Futures opened barely steady and closed steady.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
December	14.90	14.95	14.82	14.82
January	14.94	14.94	14.82	14.84
February	.....	.....	.....	14.98
March	15.20	15.25	15.13	15.16
April	.....	.....	.....	15.25
May	15.38	15.44	15.33	15.35
June	.....	.....	.....	15.06
July	15.30	15.45	15.33	15.36
August	15.05	15.12	15.00	15.03
September	.....	14.33	14.33	.....
October	13.70	13.79	13.68	13.68

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Quiet, 15; net receipts, 27,391; gross receipts, 2... ; sales, 610; stock, 226,316; Gt. Britain, 2,422; France, 4,480.

New Orleans—Steady, 14 15-16; net receipts 11,131; gross receipts, 11,131; sales 2,000; stock, 250,617; coastwise, 1,383.

Mobile—Easy, 14 7-8; net receipts, 3,225; gross receipts, 3,325; sales, 825; stock, 58,728; continent 12,020; coastwise, 1,187.

Savannah—Steady, 14 11-16; net receipts 12,130; gross receipts, 12,130; sales, 4,900; stock, 193,129; coastwise, 4,787.

Charleston—Steady, 14 5-8; net receipts, 3,266; gross receipts, 3,266; stock, 43,619; coastwise, 547.

Wilmington—Quiet, 14 5-8; net receipts, 5,113; gross receipts, 5,113; stock, 28, 96.

Norfolk—Firm, 15; net receipts, 5,313; gross receipts, 5,313; sales 1,600; stock, 34,323; coastwise, 5,384.

Baltimore—Nominal, 15; stock, 15,141.

New York—Quiet, 15.15; net receipts, 47; gross receipts, 4,704; sales, 1,700; stock, 263,195; coastwise, 2,415.

Boston—Quiet, 15.15; net receipts, 325; gross receipts, 5,886; stock, 17,834; continent 200.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 15.40; gross receipts 600; stock 3,824; Great Britain 2,600; continent 155.

Brunswick—Net receipts, 4,217; gross receipts 4,217; Great Britain, 8,572.

Pensacola—Net receipts, 142; gross receipts, 142; Great Britain, 142.

Georgetown—Net receipts, gross receipts, 42; coastwise, 42.

Minor Ports—Stock, 8,494.

Total today at all ports: Net, 72,351; Great Britain, 10,744; continent, 15,297; stock, 1,143,710.

Consolidated, at all ports—Net, 177,816; Great Britain, 53,209; France, 6,672; continent, 49,517.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports—Net, 5,521,468; Great Britain, 1,946,317; France, 5,136; continent 1,455,890; Japan, 48,185; Mexico, 500.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 15; net receipts, 14,210; gross receipts, 14,210; shipments, 16,050; sales, 1,435; stock 131,382.

Augusta—Steady, 15; net receipts, 2,675; gross receipts 3,312; shipments 2,206; sales 2,788; stock, 92,217.

Memphis—Firm, 15 3-8; net receipts, 5,708; gross receipts, 9,713; shipments, 6,448; sales, 3,250; stock, 214,177.

St. Louis—Steady, 15 7-16; net receipts, 42; gross receipts, 3,696; shipments, 4,503; stock, 19,832.

Cincinnati—Net receipts, 2,779; gross receipts, 2,779; shipments, 728; stock, 16,226.

Little Rock—Firm, 14 7-8; net receipts, 2,106; gross receipts, 2,106; shipments, 3,001; stock 48,562.

Louisville—Firm, 15 3-8.

Total today—Net receipts, 27,320; gross receipts, 35,816; shipments, 32,936; sales, 7,573; stock, 524,396.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 20.—Money on call steady 3 1-4 to 3 1-2, ruling rate 3 1-4, closing bid 3 1-4, offered at 3 1-4. Time loans dull, 60 days and 90 days 3 3-4 to 4 per cent., six months 3 3-4 to 4. Prime mercantile paper 5 to 5 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.8250 to 4.8260 for 60 day bills and at 4.8555 for demand. Commercial bills 4.81 3-4 to 4.82 1-4. Bar silver 54 1-2. Mexican dollars 45.

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Kulanga (Br.) 2,169 tons, Plomer, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Tennyson (Br.) 1,315 tons, Williams, Heide

Lovaine (Br.) 1,908 tons, Daniels, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

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Blanche (Br.) 165 tons, Albury, C. D. Mafftt.

P. & T. Lupton, 797 tons, Longstreet, C D. Mafftt.

Barques.

Caithness-shire (Br.) 1,525 tons, Halford, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Atlantic Coast Line—5,113 bales cotton; 15 casks spirits turpentine; 93 bbls rosin; 149 bbls tar; 35 bbls. crude turpentine.

Total—5,113 bales cotton; 15 casks spirits turpentine; 93 bbls rosin; 149 bbls. tar; 35 bbls crude turpentine.

THE PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 20.—Flour was fairly active with prices about steady.

Rye Flour and Buckwheat—Quiet.

Buckwheat Flour—Dull.

Corn Meal and Rye—Steady.

Barley—Barely steady.

Wheat—Firm; No. 2, 98 3-8 elevator and 97 7-8 f.o.b. afloat. Futures closed 5-8 to 3-4c net advance. December 97 1-2; May 1.02 1-2; July 1.00 3-4.

Corn—Barely steady; No. 2 new 42 3-4 f.o.b. afloat. Futures closed 5-8 to 3-4c net higher. December 55; May 55 3-4.

Oats—Steady; Futures closed 1-4c decline to 1-4c advance. December 37 3-4; May 39 3-4; July 39 1-2.

Lard—Strong.

Beef and Tallow—Steady.

Rosin—Quiet.

Petroleum and Rice—Steady.

Molasses—Firm.

Sugar—Raw steady, refined steady.

Coffee—Futures closed barely steady, net unchanged to 12 points lower. Spot steady; Rio No. 7, 13 1-2; Santos 13 5-8. Mild—Dull; Cordova 13 3-4 to 15 3-4.

Butter—Firm; creamery specials 31, extras 29 1-2 to 30; third to first 23 to 2 81-2; held creamery second to special 24 1-2 to 30; process second to special 22 to 25 1-2; factory June make 22.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Barely steady; State, Pennsylvania and nearby hennery white fancy 50; do gathered white 40 to 48.

Potatoes—Steady; Bermuda per barrel 4.50 to 5.50.

Cabbages—Firm, unchanged.

Freights and Peanuts—Unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil—Higher today on advancing crude markets, talk of export, light present offerings and strength of lard. Futures closed 1 to 14 points net higher. December 7.32 to 7.50; aJnuary 7.27 to 7.28; February 7.29 to 7.33; March 7.35 to 7.37; April 7.36 to 7.42; prime crude 7.26 to 6.40; prime summer yellow 7.30 to 7.65; prime winter yellow 1.50 to 8.00; prime summer white 7.30 to 8.20.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

SART OFFICE, Dec. 20.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Steady, 74 3-4 cents.

ROSIN — Steady, 85.40 per barrel of 280 pounds.

TAR—Firm, $2.40 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market, firm $4.50 per barrel for hard; $6.00 for dip and $6.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm 52 1-2; rosin nothing doing; tar, $2.00; crude turpentine; firm $2.50, $4.00 and $4.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	15
Rosin	93
Tar	149
Crude Turpentine	35

Receipts, same day last year, 11 casks spirits turpentine; 17 barrels rosin; 213 barrels tar; 15 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Quiet, 14 7-8 cents for middling. Same day last year, 14 1-4 cents.

Receipts—5,113 bales, same day last year, 1,402 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 18th.)

PEANUTS—Virginias, extra prime 70 cents, fancy 75 cents. Spanish from $1.03 to $1.15 cents. North Carolina, No. 1, 90 to 95 cents per bushel. New crop.

CORN—Firm, 70c per bushel.

N. C. HAMS—Good demand; hams 22; shoulders 17 to 18 cents and side 17 to 18c.

EGGS—Good demand, 27 cents.

CHICKENS—Spring 25 to 40; grown, 45 and 50 cents, dull.

BEESWAX—Firm 27c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2 to 5c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 45 to 50 cents per bushel.

HIDES—Dr. flint 13c; green 7c per pound.

WOOL—Burr 12 to 15c; free of burr 18 to 20c.

CHEESE—60 cents per head.

PORK—9 to 10 cents, net.

SHEEP—No demand.

LAMB—$1.00 to $2.50.

PEAS—white peas, $2.50 to $2.75.

IRISH POTATOES—New crop 80 to 90 cents, dull.

DAY OF PROFIT TAKING.

Decline of From 8 to 10 Points in Cotton Yesterday.

(Special Star Telegram.)

New York, Dec. 20.—Many who had expected a more bullish ginners' report than 10,698,000 bales have been taking profits today, and the absence of an active general speculation for an immediate advance, the sales were heavy enough to cause a decline of from 8 to 10 points. That appears to be the story of the day. So far as could be learned there was no selling in anticipation of a decline. Therefore the only pressure came from those who were leading expecting a sharp advance today.

The small ginning in Texas brought about a quick advance in Liverpool at the close, as that State was expected to show indications of a crop of at least 3 1-4 million bales. Tonight the feeling is one of disappointment at the presence of all this profit taking, and Europe is expected to decline five points tomorrow.

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BONDS ARE STILL IN DEMAND

Notable Feature of Yesterday's Operations in the Stock Market—Only Moderately Active and Tone Irregular.

New York, Dec. 20.—A broader and more general demand for bonds was the most notable feature of today's operations in the securities market. Transactions in these issues on the stock exchange were not especially large, but heavy direct sales to institutions and investors generally were made by banking houses. The stock market was only moderately active and its tone for the most part irregular. It seems to be the prevailing opinion, however, that the financial situation has improved during the past few weeks, the principal drawback being the unfavorable conditions prevailing in the various industrial lines.

Trading on the stock exchange was almost wholly professional and centered around the more active issues including the Harriman stocks and the coalers. Union Pacific and Southern Pacific made further gains but the coal stocks, particularly Lehigh Valley, manifested a reactionary tendency due probably to the belief that the reported increase of the dividend on the last named will be less generous than was expected. The movement in stocks included several of the more obscure railway issues but the industrial specialties were almost entirely neglected. Business fell off during the middle of the day, but there was some renewal of activity in the afternoon and in the late session a drive against Reading unsettled the entire list and caused a heavy closing.

The day's news had little bearing on the financial market. Among the railroad reports submitted was that of Baltimore & Ohio for November, which showed the loss in net earnings og $686,000.

Total sales of bonds par value $3,110,000. United States bonds were unchanged. Total sales 349,700 shares.

NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. ref 2s reg	100 3-4
U. S. ref 2s cou	100 3-4
U. S. 3s registered	102
U. S. 3s coupon	102
U. S. 4s registered	115 1-2
U. S. 4s coupon	115 1-2
Allis-Chalmers 1st 6s	78
American Agricultural 5s	1.02 1-2
American Tel & Tel cv. 4s	105 1-4
American Tobacco 4s	80 1-8
American Tobacco 6s	105 1-2
American Tobacco 6s	92 1-2
Armour & Co. 4 1-2s	98 7-8
Atchison gen 4s	105 1-2
Atchison cv. 4s	108 7-8
Atchison cv. 5s	93 1-2
Atlantic Coast Line 1st 4s	89 1-4
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	92 3-8
Baltimore & Ohio 3 1-2s	90 1-4
Baltimore & Ohio S. W. 3 1-2s	83
Brooklyn Transit cv. 4c	107 5-8
Central of Georgia 5s	99 3-8
Central Leather 5s	122
Central R. R. of N. J. gen 5s	101 1-2
Chesapeake & Ohio 4 1-2s	94 3-8
Chesapeake & Ohio ref. 5s	71
Chicago & Alton 3 1-2s	95 1-2
Chicago, B. & Quincy joint 4s	87 3-8
Chicago, B. & Quincy gen. 4s	92
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul gen. 3 1-2s	75 1-2
Chicago, R. I. & Pac. R. R. col. 4s	89 3-8
Chicago, R. I. & Pac. Ry. rfg. 4s	78 1-4
Colorado Industrial 5s	66
Colorado Midland 4s	97 5-8
Colo. & Southern ref. & ext. 4 1-2s	98 1-2
Delaware & Hudson cv. 4s	93 1-4
Denver & Rio Grande 4s	89 7-8
Denver & Rio Grande ref. 5s	77 1-2
Distillers 5s	83 3-4
Erie prior lien 4s	75
Erie gen 4s	72 1-4
Erie cv. 4s, series "A"	69 3-4
Erie cv. series "B"	150 1-4
General Electric cv. 5s	96
Illinois Central 1st ref. 4s	80
Interborough-Met. 4 1-2s	64 1-4
Inter. Merc. Marine 4 1-2s	89 3-8
Japan 4s	95 1-2
Japan 4 1-2s	93 1-2
Kansas City Southern 1st 3s	93 1-4
Lake Shore deb. 4s (1931)	98 1-2
Louisville & Nashville Un. 4	97 5-8
Missouri, Kan. & Texas 1st 4s	85
Mo., Kan. & Texas gen 4 1-2s	77 1-2
Missouri Pacific 4s	94 1-4
National Rys. of Mexico 4 1-2s	88 1-2
New York Central gen 3 1-2s	99 1-2
New York Central deb. 4s	123 1-2
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford cv. 6s	98 3-4
Norfolk & Western 1st con. 4s	100 7-8
Norfolk & Western cv. 4s	100 1-8
Northern Pacific 4s	70 3-4
Northern Pacific 3s	98
Oregon Short Line rfdg. 4s	96 1-8
Penn. cv. 3 1-2s (1915)	106 7-8
Penn. con. 4s	98
Reading gen. 4s	80 3-4
St. Louis & San Fran. fg. 4s	80 3-8
St. Louis & San Fran. gen. 5s	73 1-2
St. Louis Southwestern con. 4s	76 1-4
St. Louis Southwestern 1st gold 4s	92
Seaboard Air Line 4s	97 7-8
Southern Pacific col. 4s	94 1-4
Southern Pacific cv. 4s	88 1-8
Southern Pacific R. R. 1st ref. 4s	107 3-4
Southern Railway 5s	76 3-8
Southern Railway, gen. 4s	101 1-2
Union Pacific 4s	104
Union Pacific cv. 4s	97
Union Pacific 1st and ref. 4s	102 3-4
U. S. Rubber 6s	101
U. S. Steel 2nd 5s	95
Virginia-Carolina Chem. 5s	100 3-4
Wabash 1st 5s	84 5-8
Wabash 1st and ext. 4s	81 3-4
Western Md 4s	92 3-4
Westinghouse Electric cv.	92 7-8
Wisconsin Central 4s	

Closing Stock List.

Allis-Chalmers pfd	38
Amalgamated Copper	64 3-4
American Agricultural	46 1-8
American Beet Sugar	41 1-4
American Can	9 1-8
American Car & Foundry	49 1-2
American Cotton Oil	59
American Hide & Leather pfd	22
American Ice Securities	17 3-4
American Linseed	11 1-4
American Locomotive	36 1-2
American Smelting & Refining	74 1-2
Am. Smelting & Refining, pfd	103 1-4
Am. Steel Foundries	42
American Sugar Refining	114
American Tel. & Tel	142 3-8
American Tobacco, pfd	93 1-4
American Woolen	32
Anaconda Mining Co	39 1-2
Atchison	101 1-4
Atchison, pfd	102 1-2
Atlantic Coast Line	115 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio	105
Bethlehem Steel	28
Brooklyn Rapid Trans.	75 3-4
Canadian Pacific	194 1-4
Central Leather	32
Central Leather, pfd	103
Central of New Jersey	200
Chesapeake & Ohio	81
Chicago & Alton	28
Chicago Great Western	22 1-4
Chicago Great Western pfd	45
Chicago & North Western	142
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	123 1-4
C., C., C. & St. Louis	65
Colorado Fuel & Iron	31
Colorado & Southern	58
Consolidated Gas	133 1-2
Corn Products	15 1-2
Delaware & Hudson	168
Denver & Rio Grande	30
Denver & Rio Grande, pfd	70
Distillers' Securities	34 1-8
Erie	28 1-2
Erie, 1st pfd	46 1-2
Erie, 2nd pfd	34 7-8
General Electric	155 1-2
Great Northern pfd	123 1-4
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	57
Illinois Central	130 1-2
Interborough-Met	20 3-8
Interborough-Met., pfd	55 5-8
Inter Harvester	111
Inter-Marine, pfd	15 1-2
International Paper	12 3-4
International Pump	40 1-2
Iowa Central	18
Kansas City Southern	31 3-8
Kansas City Southern, pfd	64 3-4
Laclede Gas	105
Louisville & Nashville	144
Minneapolis & St. Louis	26
Minn., St. P. & Sault Ste Marie	120
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	32 1-8
Missouri, Kansas & Texas, pfd	62 1-4
Missouri Pacific	46
National Biscuit	116
National Lead	56 1-2
National Rys. of Mexico 2nd pfd	35 1-4
New York Central	112 1-4
New York, Ontario & Western	40 1-2
Norfolk & Western	100
North American	63 1-2
Northern Pacific	116 1-4
Pacific Mail	29
Pennsylvania	120
People's Gas	105 1-2
Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis	97 1-2
Pittsburg Coal	17
Pressed Steel Car	30 3-4
Pullman Palace Car	158
Railway Steel Spring	31
Reading	150 3-8
Republic Steel	31
Republic Steel, pfd	93 1-2
Rock Island Co.	20
Rock Island Co., pfd	60 1-4
St. Louis & San Fran. 2nd pfd	39
St. Louis Southwestern	25
St. Louis Southwestern pfd	61
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	49
Southern Pacific	116 1-8
Southern Railway	26 1-2
Southern Railway, pfd	62 1-2
Tennessee Copper	34 3-4
Texas and Pacific	26
Toledo, St. Louis & Western	22 1-2
Toledo, St. Louis & Western, pfd	51 1-4
Union Pacific	171
Union Pacific, pfd	91 7-8
United States Realty	69 1-2
United States Rubber	34
United States Steel	73 1-8
United States Steel pfd	119 3-4
Utah Copper	45 1-2
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	62 1-2
Wabash	16 1-4
Wabash, pfd	34 1-2
Western Maryland	47 5-8
Westinghouse Electric	67
Western Union	73
Wheeling & Lake Erie	5

THE GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Something of a scare about dry weather in the southwest was one of the chief causes today in advancing the price of wheat. The market closed firm with a net gain of 3-4 to 7-8. Corn at the finish was 1-8a1-4 to 1-4c. higher than last night. Oats were unchanged to 1-4a3-8 up and provisions had risen 10 to 12 1-2a22 1-2.

Wheat—No. 2, red, 92 to 93; No. 3, red, 91 to 93 1-2; No. 2, hard, 94 to 96; No. 3, hard, 91 to 94; No. 1, northern, 101 to 106; No. 2, northern, 1.03 to 1.05; No. 2, spring, 90 to 1.04; No. 3, spring, 93 to 1.03; velvet chaff, 86 to 1.00; durum, 84 to 92.

Corn—No. 2, 46 to 47 1-2; No. 2, new, 46 1-2 to 46 3-4; No. 2, white, 46 3-4 to 47 1-2; No. 2, white, new, 46 1-2 to 46 3-4; No. 2, yellow, 48 1-2 to 49; No. 2, yellow, new, 45 1-2 to 44; No. 4, 45 1-2 to 46; No. 4, new, 41 1-4 to 42; No. 4, white, 45 1-2 to 46; No. 4, white, new, 41 1-4 to 42; No. 4, yellow, 46 to 46 1-2; No. 4, yellow, new, 41 1-2 to 42.

Oats—No. 1, 31 to 31 1-2; No. 2, white 32 3-4 to 33 1-4; No. 3, white, 32 to 32 1-2; No. 4, white, 30 1-2 to 32; standard, 32 1-2 to 33.

Wheat:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec.	91	91⅞	91	91⅝
May	95½	96⅛	95⅝	96¼
July	93⅛	93⅝	93	93⅜
Corn:				
Dec	45⅝	45⅞	45¼	45½
May	47¼	47⅝	47⅛	47½
July	48	48½	48	48¼
Oats:				
Dec	31⅛	31⅜	31⅛	31¼
May	33⅞	34¼	33⅞	34
July	33⅜	34⅛	33⅜	33¾
Sept	32¾	32⅞	32¾	32⅝
Mess Pork, per bbl.:				
Jan	19.70	19.77½	19.50	19.62½
May	18.20	18.42½	18.15	18.37½
Lard, per 100 lbs.:				
Jan	10.42½	10.65	10.42½	10.57½
May	10.12½	10.22½	10.10	10.17½
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.:				
Jan	10.27½	10.45	10.27½	10.47½
May	9.65	9.77½	9.65	9.75

BUREAU'S REPORT OF COTTON

Shows 10,698,482 Bales Ginned to December 1st.—By States.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Census Bureau report on cotton ginning issued this morning shows 10,698,482 bales, counting round as half bales, were ginned from the growth of 1910 to December 13th, compared with 9,358,085 for 1909; 11,904,269 for 1908, and 9,284,070 for 1907.

The percentage of the last three crops ginned to December 13th was 92.9 for 1909; 91.0 for 1908, and 84.0 for 1907. Round bales included this year are 106,827 compared with 140,024 for 1909; 215,059 for 1908 and 167,204 for 1907. Sea Island for 1910 is 75,170 compared with 85,177 for 1909; 80,815 for 1908, and 65,268 for 1907.

By States the number of bales ginned to December 13th was: Alabama 1,129,273; Arkansas 676,156; Florida, 59,488; Georgia 1,707,310; Louisiana, 234,468; Mississippi 1,086,946; North Carolina 664,434; Oklahoma, 868,928; South Carolina 1,108,967; Tennessee, 289,657; Texas, 2,849,911. All other States 62,944.

The distribution of sea island cotton for 1910 by States was; Florida, 25,804; Georgia, 39,717; and South Carolina 9,649.

The corrected statistics of cotton ginned to December 1st are 10,319,712 bales.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Spot Quiet, Prices Two Points Higher. Sales and Futures.

Liverpool, Dec. 20.—Spot cotton quiet, prices two points lower. American middling fair 8.60; good middling 8.36; middling 8.12; low middling 7.92; good ordinary 7.66; ordinary 7.41. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 6,300 American. Receipts 97,000 bales, including 76,500 American.

Futures opened steady and closed steady, December 7.97; December and January 7.96 1-2; January and February 7.96 1-2; February and March 7.98; March and April 7.99 1-2; April and May 8.00; May and June 8.01; June and July 7.99 1-2; July and August 7.97 1-2; August and September 7.77; September and October 7.43; October and November 7.48.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 20. — Turpentine, firm.

Savannah, Dec. 20.—Turpentine, firm, at 73 3-4 to 76; sales, 298; receipts, 641; shipments, 1,310; stock, 15,053.

Rosin, firm; sales, 2,444; receipts 2,962; shipments, 885; stocks, 81,902.

Quote: B 5.85; D 5.85; E 5.85 to 5.90; F 5.80 to 5.92 1-2; G 5.82 1-2 to 5.95; H 5.95 to 6.00; I 6.35; K 6.75; M 7.15; N 7.30; WG 7.40; WW 7.50.

Charleston, Dec. 20.—Turpentine, firm at 75. Rosin, firm. Quote: ABC 5.72; D 5.80; E 5.77 1-2 to 5.82 1-2; F 5.82 1-2 to 5.85; G 5.85 to 5.90; H 5.90 to 5.95; I 6.10 to 6.20; M 7.20; N 7.50; WG 7.65; WW 7.75.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 20.—Some small export business with China aggregating 7,000 bales at the outside, is reported in cotton goods. The market tone for the day was better. Yarns rule quiet. Sample orders being given on men's wear for the new season.

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Lv. Wilson	8 20am	11 30pm
Lv. New Bern	9 30am	11 05pm
Ar. Norfolk	3 35-m	8 00am

SOUTHBOUND.

Lv. Norfolk, N. S.	*9 00pm	*9 00pm
Ar. Wilson	5 05am	5 05am
Lv. Wilson, A. C. L.	5 49am	5 49am
Lv. New Bern, A. C. L.	9 30am	
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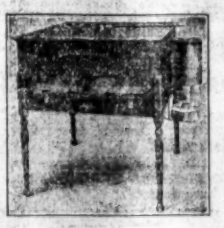
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THE WEATHER

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 21, 1910.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M. Tuesday, Dec. 20th:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 40 degrees; 8 P. M. 36 degrees; maximum 49 degrees; minimum 36 degrees; mean 42 month .32 inch.

Rainfall for the day, 0; for the month, .07 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Tuesday 3.2 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair, continued cold Thursday; Friday not so cold; moderate northwest winds.

Port Calendar—December 21.

Sun Rises.....7:15 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:07 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 53 min.
High water at Southport 11:02 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 2:02 A. M.

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.
December 17, 1910.

STATIONS.	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature Highest Today.	Temperature Lowest last night.	24-hour precipitation, 8 P. M.
Asheville	snowing	28	28	.02
Atlanta	clear	36	34	.0
Charleston	cloudy	52	42	.0
Charlotte	clear	42	32	.0
Chicago	clear	22	14	.0
Galveston	clear	60	50	.0
Jacksonville	clear	56	44	.0
New Orleans	clear	56	46	.0
New York	cloudy	36	36	.0
Pittsburg	cloudy	20	20	.04
Raleigh	clear	40	32	.0
St. Louis	clear	40	26	.0
Washington	clear	34	30	.0

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

C. O. Knox, Deputy Marshal—Sale.
Atlantic Trust & Banking Co—Ever Think.

Business Locals.

For Rent—Front Room.
Wanted—Furnished Room.
C. D. Weeks, Trustee—Sale.
For Rent—Furnished Rooms.
Wrights'—Apartments to Let.
J. McDonald Co.—Horse Strayed.
E. Warren & Son—Xmas Candies.
Wanted—Competent Stenographer.
Marine Hospital—Attendant Wanted.
Wilmington Granite & Marble Works—Removal.

WARSHIP CONTRACT AWARDED.

Texas Will be Built by Newport News Company.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The contract for building the 27,000 ton battleship Texas, was today awarded to the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, the lowest bidder, at $5,830,000. The award provides for reciprocating engines instead of giant turbines, which are now being installed on nearly all other modern warships. The government could have saved $55,000 by accepting the proposition of the Newport News company to supply the ship with Curtiss turbines, or $40,000 if the British design, Parsons turbines, had been selected.

The decision to revert to the old reciprocating engines was based upon the recommendation of the engineer in chief and other members of the construction board, the reason being assigned the superior economy of the reciprocating engines at what are konwn as "cruising" or middle rate speeds.

It is not contended that the turbine is not superior to the reciprocating engines at top speeds, but it is argued that these speeds are very little used, so the economical consideration prevailed in the award of contract.

While a final decision has not been announced it appears that the Navy Department will refer without comment to Congress the proposition of the Newport News Company to build the battleship New York, sister ship of the Texas, at the same figure—$5,830,000.

A DESTROYER LAUNCHED.

Trippe Christened at Iron Works at Bath, Me., Yesterday.

Bath, Me., Dec. 20.—Christened with champagne by Mrs. John S. Hyde, wife of the president of the Bath Iron Works, the builders, the torpedo boat destroyer Trippe was launched this afternoon. The Trippe must average at least 29.5 knts an hour for four hours on her official trials, which will be held in February or March on the Rockland course. She is 293 feet long. Her machinery consists of a three shaft turbine installation in one compartment capable of developing 10,000 shoft horse power. She is of the oil burning class and tanks are built into the hull with a capacity of 60,000 gallons.

A HARD LUCK THIEF.

Reaching for Diamond Gets Hand in a Rat Trap.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 20.—Jasey Many, who came from Chicago, says he is the original hard luck thief. He faced today a prison sentence all because he put his hand in a rat trap. While looting the home of Mrs. Julian Voorhees, Many dropped a diamond ring which rolled under a stove.

While groping for the diamond in the dark he put his hand into a rat trap. There was a sudden snap and the burglar screamed with pain. Three of his fingers were broken. So great was his suffering that he made no attempt to escape.

ALDRICH UNDER THE KNIFE.

Rhode Island Senator Underwent a Slight Operation Yesterday.

New York, Dec. 20. — A slight operation to relieve a strained tendon in United States Senator Nelson W. Aldrich's right hand will be performed in New York tomorrow, accoding to a statement made tonight by Winthrop Aldrich, the senator's son. He added that the family did not regard the operation as serious, and he did not know who would perform it. The injury was caused by a slight strain, he explained but he did not think it was in any way due to the senator's being struck by a street car here last fall.

A square inch of clear conscience for a cent—the Red Cross Christmas Seal.

NASH WANTS BETTER ROADS.

Will Hold Rally to Decide Upon the Desired Law.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 17.—A good roads rally that is expected to be well attended by persons from every section of Nash county will be held in Nashville on Thursday, Dec. 29th, at which time the question of a road law for the entire county will be discussed and steps taken toward having passed at the next session of the General Assembly such a law as will bring the results long desired by Nash county residents. It is expected and earnestly hoped that those citizens of the various townships now without a road law and who really desire a change, will be present and give such information as will prove beneficial in arriving at such a law as will be satisfactory. Hon. Joseph Hyde Pratt, of the State Department, will be present, and will give much information concerning road construction and the best system for the prosecution of the work. After a hearing of the matter discussed from its various phases by persons from all over the county it is then the purpose of those interested to frame such a bill as will prove of benefit to the people.

PRIZE FIGHTER DISCHARGED.

Young Pugilist Not Responsible for Emhof's Death.

Philadelphia, December 20. — "A prize fighter takes the same chance of death as a football player when he enters a contest," said Coroner Ford today, when he discharged John Kalme, a young pugilist, from custody and, exonerating him from all blame in the death of John Emhof, whose skull was fractured in a bout at the Nonpareil Athletic Club last Friday night.

"We don't hold a football team responsible for a death, and I see no reason to hold a prize fighter," added the coroner.

The bout which ended fatally was between Emhof, who is better known as "Kid Gardner," and Kalme, known in the prize ring as Johnny Kane. In the fifth round, when both boys were apparently on even terms, Kalme struck Emhof a straight are blow on the jaw. Emhof fell like a log and his head struck the floor. He was carried from the ring to a hospital, where he died the next day.

A host of young fighters with their seconds, testified that the blow which Emhof received was not hard enough to floor a child.

NAVAL STORES OFFICIALS.

Denied Rehearing by United States Court of Appeals.

New Orleans Dec. 20.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals here today denied a re-hearing to the convicted officials of the American Naval Stores Company, the so-called "Turpentine Trust" who are under sentence for violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

A writ of certiorari probably will be asked so as to have the case reviewed by the United States Supreme Court.

NEW SOUTHERN TRAIN.

"Carolina Special" Will Run From Charleston to Cincinnati.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 20—Announcement was made here today by President Finley of the Southern Railway, that beginning January 2nd, 1911, a new through passenger train to be known as the "Carolina Special" will be operated between Charleston, S. C., and Cincinnati, Ohio, via Columbia, Spartanburg, Asheville, Knoxville, Harriman and Lexington.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Louis Timm, a boiler maker on the U. S. S. Des Moines, at Gibraltar, died on Sunday of Malta fever, according to a cablegram received b ythe Navy Department from the commanding officer of that vessel today. Timm who was a native of Mount Vernon, Ala., was 28 years old and has been in the naval service for two and a half years. He was buried at Gibraltar.

CLEARS THE COMPLEXION.

Discovery That Cures Pimples, Eczema and All Skin Troubles.

If you are troubled with pimples, blackheads,acne, barber's itch, blotches, freckles or other skin disease or blemish, now is the time to cure it with Hokara.

This pure and simple skin food is being introduced in Wilmington by J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co., at the low price of 25c for a liberal sized jar.

It contains no grease or acid, is cleanly to use and is a true food and nourishment for the skin, cleansing and clearing it in every pore, making it soft, white and beautiful.

If Hokara does not do even more than is claimed for it and give perfect satisfaction return the empty jar to J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co., and they will refund your money. If you have any skin trouble, you cannot spend 25c to better advantage than for a jar of this skin food. Larger size 50c.

If the skin trouble is caused by impure blood, or if the bowels are inactive, use Hokara Blood Tablets. They cool and cleanse the blood and regulate the bowels in a natural way.

NOVEL MASSAGE CREAM.

Perfect Skin Food That Removes Wrinkles and Clears Complexion.

The most delicate skin will quickly respond to the soothing and tonic effects of Hokara, and when this pure skin food is used, pimples are soon a thing of the past.

As a massage cream or after shaving it is unequaled, removing all irritations, and making the skin soft and velvety.

Apply a little to the hands or face after washing and surprise yourself with the dead skin that comes off.

Hokara is the only massage cream that is an antiseptic, and pimples, eczema, and all skin blemishes soon disappear when it is used.

Although far superior to the ordinary massage creams and sold on a guarantee of "best you ever used or money back, yet the price is a trifle, only 25c for a liberal jar.

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Buy your toys at Rehder's. Store open every evening until 9 o'clock. **

BURLEY GROWERS AGREE.

Reached Agreement to Pool 1911 Crop of Tobacco.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 20. — Burley tobacco growers of Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Missouri who have been in conference here for two days, adopted today an agreement to pool their 1911 crops. Such conventions will be called in each of the States for December 30 to elect delegates to a general meeting here on January 5 when officers will be chosen and a definite organization enected. More than one hundred thousand growers producing in excess of 300,000,000 pounds of tobacco annually are affected by the new organizations, its promoters assert, inasmuch as the agrement adopted today provides that no tobacco shall be raised in 1912.

BIG LEAGUES UPHELD.

Commission to Punish Minor Leagues for Violating Rules.

Cincinnati, Dec. 20.—Drafts by the Philadelphia American League team and the Pittsburg National League Club of Catcher O'Neill, of Elmira, N. Y., and Smith, of Jacksonville, Fla., respectively, were upheld in a decision announced by the National Baseball Commission late tonight. In each case the minor league is found to have released its player purposely for the sake of evading the draft and the commission punishes the organizations by directing that the money for the drafted men be paid into the treasuries of the New York State League and the South Atlantic League.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 20.—For the second time Master Devereaux, an Alabama setter, has won the derby in the Southern field trials at Letohatchie, capturing the prize today after an exciting race. He is owned by Tom Edwards, of Hannon, Ala., and was handled by Tom Dovier. More money, owned and handled by J. M. Avent, of Hickory, Withe, Tenn., second.

Luverne, Ala., Dec. 20. — Harrison Tucker, one of the negroes implicated in the killing of Jack Shirley, the Crenshaw county farmer, last Saturday, was captured today by the sheriff of this county, near Opp. A detachment of four soldiers was sent to Brantley to meet the sheriff and his prisoner. The jail is guarded by the militia.

New Orleans, Dec. 20.—As a sequence to a fatal joy ride early today, Ivan Cox, chauffeur, and Fred Goodyear, were arrested today on warrants charging them with the murder of Tessie Smith, who lost her life when the automobile dashed into the old basin canal. The Smith girl was clerk in a drug store.

A Simple Safeguard for Mothers.

Mrs. D. Gilkeson, 326 Ingles Ave., Youngstown, Ohio, gained wisdom by experience. "My little girl had a severe cold and coughed almost continuously. My sister recommended Foley's Honey and Tar. The first dose I gave her relieved the inflammation in her throat and after using only one bottle her throat and lungs were entirely free from inflammation. Since then I always keep a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar in the house. Accept no substitutes. Robt. R. Bellamy.

A square inch of good will for a cent—a Christmas seal.

No letter without the seal—the Christmas seal.

Good morning! Have you used Christmas Seals?

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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Advertisements inserted under this head one cent per word for each insertion but no advertisement taken for less than 25c. Additional words, more than 25, one cent per word. Unless the advertiser has a regular account, all advertisements under this head are STRICTLY CASH IN ADVANCE, the amount being too small to warrant a charge. The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to any address in the city for advertisements in this department upon request by 'Phone to No. 31. A. D. T. Messenger will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charge for the telegrams but a small charge for strictly A. D. T. calls or telephone subscribers may at any time telephone their telegrams, bills rendered to suit the sender, daily, weekly or monthly. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone No. 2. But for advertisements always call the Star office No. 31. Copy for Business Locals cannot be taken over the telephone but upon request Messenger will be dispatched to any part of the city for them.

APARTMENTS in the new "Princess" Building, 109 Princess street, now offered for rent to approved parties in suites of from one to four rooms. Anyone wishing an apartment will do well to see these large, light, comfortable, clean and new rooms. No better to be had in the city at any price. Wright's Real Estate Agency, 124 Princess street. de21-2t

FOR NICE LIVE AND DRESSED turkeys, geese and chickens, 'phone or leave your orders early to avoid the rush with C. D. Gilbert. 'Phone 772. de21-4t

BANKRUPT SALE of typewriters, new and second hand machines. Also dictatophones and office supplies. C. D. Weeks, trustee, 207 Princess street. de21-3t

HOME-MADE candies from 10 cents to $1 per pound. Why take any chances for a few pennies. Our 25 and 35 cent candies best ever offered made while you wait. Full line of fancy boxes and baskets. E. Warren & Son. de21-1t

WANTED—A competent male stenographer. Prefer between the ages of 25 and 30 years. Address L., care Star. de21-3t

WE HAVE MOVED our office and works to 519 North Second street, between Red Cross and Union station. Call to see us. Estimates cheerfully given. (Tucker's) Wilmington Granite & Marble Works. Box 277; residence 'phone 782. de21-6t*

FOR RENT—January 1st, four furnished rooms. Apply quick 11 North Sixth street. de21-3t*

WANTED—Furnished room by young man. Address Box 127, City. de21-3t*

FOR RENT—Large front room, suitable for two persons. Modern residence. Electric lights and telephone. Very convenience. High class table. Private family. Address "Rent," care Star. de21-1t*

ATTENDANT WANTED — For general work at the United States Marine Hospital, an intelligent man who can give good reference as to honesty, sobriety and general good character. For further information, apply to hospital. de21-1t*

LOST—Red horse strayed off last Monday. Reward, if finder will return to J. McDonald Co., 11th and Queen streets. de21-1t*

P. J. BREEN, upholsterer and repairer, 113 1-2 North Third street. Out of town work attended to promptly and satisfaction guaranteed. de21-1t*

WANTED TO BUY, residence well located, on or near car line. Seven rooms exclusive of kitchen, pantry and bath. One-story cottage preferred, with lot 60x165. Address "Home Comfort," care Star office.

LOW PRICES run him crazy, but when he found where to sell Jerusalem oak seed, tongue, hides, raw furs and produce to good advantage, he immediately became sane again, when he got acquainted with C. D. Gilbert, 220 Market street. nov. 26-1m.

FOR PLUMBING repairs call R. T. Wells, 'phone 1531, at 503 Walnut street. nov. 24-1mo.

TO THE LADIES—Has it ever occurred to you how far a dozen of your photographs will go in remembering your friends at Christmas time. A well executed photograph is a most acceptable remembrance. We make the kind that pleases. Foltz & Kendrick, Southern Building. nov. 6-tf.

FOR SALE—Ludwig upright standard piano, mahogany finish. A bargain to someone who desires a first-class instrument. Apply to Mrs. J. H. Niggel, 411 Walnut street, or call 'phone 227. nov. 15-tf.

CELERY HEADQUARTERS for Xmas. Best in town. Malaga grapes, fancy, 15c. per doz. Oranges, 25c. per doz., $1.75 per 100. Fresh corned hams and turkeys for Xmas. Give us your orders. Palace Market Co., 'phone No. 72. de20-tf

LOST—A pair of gold eye-glasses, somewhere in the down town section of the city, probably Saturday night. Reward for return to Mrs. W. D. MacMillan, 414 Dock street. de20-3t

GRAND SHOOTING MATCH at Geo. R. Smith's store at the 7-mile post on Market street road, Monday, December 26th, 1910. Will shoot off both turkeys and chickens. Come one, come all. Respectfully, Geo. R. Smith. de20-6t

A. S. WINSTEAD & SON—150 baskets of Concord grapes. We have 180,000 oranges, onering them at $15 per thousand. Oranges, $1.50 per hundred, delivered. Send in your orders early. 'Phone 203. de15-10t

BEAUTIFUL smilax leaves for Christmas decorations. Mailed anywhere, 25 cents per hundred. Frank D. Bell, Tuxedo, N. C. de18-8t

TO THE PUBLIC—We are now in a position to take orders for any amount fresh whipping cream for Christmas and holidays, excellent quality. When you furnish vessel and send for, the price will be 50 cents per quart. When we furnish vessel and deliver, the price will be 60 cents per quart. Shadeland Dairy, 'phone 468. de 18-tf.

WANTED—At once, position by male stenographer. Have had several years' experience. Address "Stenographer," care of Star. de21-1t*

WAKE UP! Spread out! Advertise! Multigraph imitation typewritten circulars, cheap as printing; better results. All classes typewriting and notary work. Meares Harriss, Notary Public, stenographer, 114 Princess street, 'phone 708. de 1-tu-su-thu-tf.

CALL PURE FOOD MARKET for your fresh steaks or fresh codfish, salmon, halibut, haddock and smelts. Also best fresh meats, fruits and vegetables. Prompt delivery. D. M. Davis, proprietor. 'Phone 1495. de 6-tf.

DO YOU WANT to save 50 to 100 per cent. on new solid gold jewelry, bracelets, lockets, watches, chains, rings and cuff buttons. See Uncle Charles, 108 Market street, near Front. de 14-tf.

LOST—Monday on Princess street, possibly on car line, cravat with gold stickpin attached, with initials, "W. H. B." Reasonable reward if left at Star office. de 7-3t.

FOR SALE OR RENT—By January 1st, complete novelty plant. Address for particulars, N. K. Cashwell, Fairmont, N. C. de 14-15t

LET US FIGURE on repainting and repairing your old buggies, wagons and automobiles. We can save you money. Wilmington Carriage Works, 1103 Castle street. 'Phone 1019. oct. 23-tf.

WILMINGTON SANITARIUM, Front and Castle streets, a modern institution for the treatment of medical and surgical diseases. Especially equipped for the scientific treatment of asthmatic, catarrhal, kidney, genito-urinary, rectal, tuberculosis, rheumatic and skin diseases. Massage, Turkish, vapor and hot air baths. Mrs. Eliza McDuffie, superintendent. Charles T. Harper, M. D., medical director. nov. 30-tf.

WANTED—500 to 1,000 cords of four-foot pine wood. Pay cash on arrival. Address Box 187, Wilmington, N. C. nov. 11-2mo.

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8:30
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4850 Florida Oranges.
69 bbls. Baldwin Apples.
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48 Tubs up-to-date Asst.
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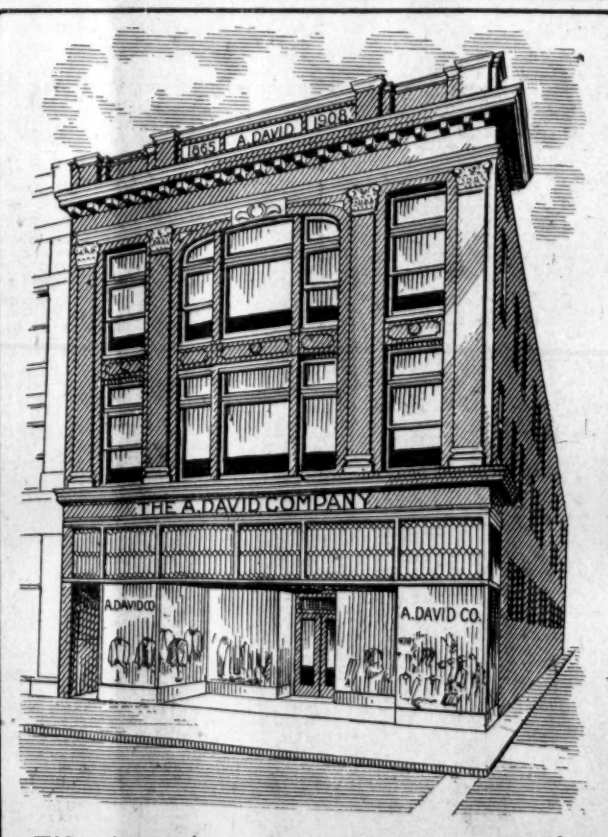

IT'S a lot easier to buy Christmas presents for a woman than for a man; and, as a rule, men have the easier job, and women the harder. If you ladies would go at it the way a man does, you'd find it a good deal easier than you do. A man goes where women's things are; and buys. Why dont you ladies go where a man's things are? Here are

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Here's your headquarters for Christmas gifts such as men want. Gloves; hosiery in boxes. Fine umbrellas; Lounging Robes; smart neckwear; fancy waistcoats; house jackets and sweater coats; leather goods of all kinds; men's jewelry. You can spend anything from 25 cents up to $25, and get a good thing.

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Diamond A Velvet Rugs, 27x54, each $1.00
Diamond A Velvet Rugs, 36x63, each $2.15
Congress Velvet Rugs, 27x54, each $1.50
Congress Velvet Rugs, 36x72, each $2.75
Axminster Rugs, 27x54, each $1.65
Axminster Rugs, 36x72 each $3.15
Brussell Rugs, 9x12 each $13.50
Seamless Brussell Rugs, 9x12, each $16.50
Velvet Rugs, 9x12, each..$18.50
Seamless Velvet Rugs, 9x12, each $19.50
White Bed Spreads, good size, good quality, each.....$1.10
Lace Curtains, three yards long, per pair 75c
Portieres, full size, pair...$2.75
Couch Covers .....$1.50 and up
Window Shades, each.....21c
Pictures, Mauthau 300, good frames, choice subjects.
Pictures, 16x20, 75c to....$3.50
Pearl Pictures, each.....$1.50
Children's Arm Rocker, cane and cobbler seats,.....65c
Ladies' Sewing Rockers...$1.15
A good Arm Rocker, cane seat, ...$1.60
Good solid seat arm Rockers, oak or mahogany finish..$1.90
Dinner Sets, 100 pieces...$7.75
Imported China Dinner Sets, 100 pieces $13.75
Genuine Haviland, 100 pieces $23.00
Toilet Sets, decorated, large jar, ...$4.95
Rayo Lamps, each.....$1.60
Centre Tables, small, ...65c
Medium $1.00
Large $1.30
Fancy Parlor Tables, quartered oak or genuine mahogany, very cheap.
Oak Dressers, 24x30, bend French mirrors $8.90
Chiffonieres from $6.50 to $50.00
Buffets and Side Boards, from $10.50 to $50.00
Iron Beds, from $2.30 to $25.00
Brass Beds, see them in the window, from $17.50 to $65.00
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